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Katholos our lucky charm



MARTYN CROOK PUTS THE
RECORD STRAIGHT, p. 2

AJAX ADDS MEDAL, KAISER AND COSMOS

A championship, a top-four Cup, a berth in the Dockerty Cup final, the coach of the year award for Bobby McLachlan, top-scorer's prize to Paul Lewis, the Bill Fleming Medal to Peter Lewis, a game against the New York Cosmos and a visit by Franz Beckenbauer.

That's the Green Gully Ajax 1982 success story so far.

And it's a success story unmatched on Australian soccer this year.

What makes it even more remarkable is that it's carried on from an almost equally successful 1981 season, when the club won the Ampol and Dockerty Cups and the championship. McLachlan was named coach of the year, and Gus Macleod was equal top scorer.

But what's this about Beckenbauer and the Cosmos, you may ask.

In what must rate as the best kept secret of the year, Ajax met the Cosmos in a training match at Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans, on Saturday morning.

It had been organised by Ajax treasurer Arnold Langer who as a VSF official, had acted as liaison officer to the Cosmos.

A heading combination between Fleming Medalist Peter Lewis and big Gus Macleod gave Ajax an equalising goal in the first half, after David Chinapoo had shot Cosmos into the lead.

Then Paul Lewis slammed Ajax into a 2-1 half time lead, stirring the Cosmos into action.

They had used their second-string side in the first half, and now they brought on their big guns — Johan Neeskens, Vladislav Bogicevic, Georgio Chinaglia, Julio Cesar Romero, Roberto Cabanas and Jeff Durgan — all except Franz



Ajax right back Peter Lewis with his Bill Fleming Medal as Victorian State League Player of the Year.

Beckenbauer who had stayed away due to injury.

Bogicevic made it 2-2 and Romero scored the clincher to make it 3-2. Ajax had an "excuse" though — it had left out its two former internationals, David Smallman and Willie Vassallo.

That evening, Beckenbauer was guest of honor at Ajax's presentation night in Carlton. As usual, he was the ultimate professional, making a speech, signing innumerable autographs, posing for pictures with countless fans.

Cosmos coach Professor Julio Mazzei also was there. During his speech, he mentioned that this day was the 42nd birthday of Pele, and the

gathering of about 400 clapped enthusiastically.

Some of the Ajax players weren't exactly bright-eyed and bushy-tailed the next morning, but still managed to win their Dockerty Cup semifinal 1-0 against Croydon at Olympic Park.

Next Sunday they're up against Croatia in the final, with Hellas-Hakos and George Cross providing the curtain raiser — the Armstrong Cup final for reserves.

Meanwhile the stage is set for Ajax right back Peter Lewis to enter the PSL, and perhaps win selection in the national team.

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Stand by for a television bonanza

Both the ABC and Channel 0/28 will telecast soccer next year.

The ABC is likely to run a Monday or Tuesday one-hour programme of match highlights.

Channel 0/28, which has backed soccer for the past two years, is likely to run a Friday night show made up not only of match highlights, but also previews, player profiles, panel discussions and viewers' competitions.

Between them, the ABC and Channel 0/28 are set to give local soccer the broadest and most exciting TV exposure it has ever had.

See you in 1983

• This is the last issue of 'Soccer Action' for 1982.

We'll be back in January, 1983. Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. See you soon.

BOTTALICO IS BACK

APIA-Leichardt last week appointed Fil Bottalico to yet another coaching stint.

Bottalico, a former APIA captain, has coached the club numerous times over the years.

He was chosen ahead of many candidates from throughout Australia to succeed Peter Wilson, who was player-coach after Willie Wallace resigned earlier this year.

Wilson prefers to concentrate on playing rather than coaching.

Eight games, eight wins with help from Davidson



By
LAURIE
SCHWAB

Peter Katholos remained the star and the lucky charm of the Socceroos as they scored 11 goals to two in winning the inaugural Merlion Cup in Singapore.

The Singapore Press described Katholos as a cross between Liam Brady and Malcolm Macdonald of old.

And with Katholos in the team, Australia seems unable to do anything wrong.

Katholos has played eight games for Australia and each time Australia has won.

He made his Socceroo debut as a substitute for injured Steve Perry in a World Cup qualifying game against Indonesia at Olympic Park in Melbourne late last year and his team won 2-0. His other games have been v Fiji in Suva (4-1), v Fiji in Melbourne (10-0), v Taiwan in Adelaide (3-2), plus the four Merlion Cup games: v Thailand 4-0, v Indonesia 2-0, v Malaysia 5-0 and v South Korea 3-2.

Katholos's right-flank



Alan Davidson

partnership with full back Alan Davidson was one of the strongest aspects of the Australian team in Singapore, says coach Les Scheinflug. Davidson was the star of the final.

It was their partnership that won the final against South Korea.

But Katholos also had a brilliant game against Malaysia, scoring two goals. And it was Katholos and Phil O'Connor who beat Indonesia virtually single-handedly after coming on as substitutes.

O'Connor almost certainly clinched a permanent place in the Socceroo team with his performances in the tournament. Operating as a left-sided winger-cum-midfielder, O'Connor put behind him the memory of his 1979 China tour on which the then coach Rudi Gutendorf used him mainly as a substitute.

David Mitchell established himself as possibly the nation's finest forward, with some tremendous performances. John Kosmina also was in top form and the team benefited enormously from the partnership these two had established at Sydney City Hakoah.

Davidson, who had been expected to play left back, was switched to the right to make way for Alan Niven of Brisbane Lions, and Niven justified his selection.



Peter Katholos

He has been a Scheinflug favorite since Scheinflug coached Lions in 1977, and he had played well in World Cup qualifying matches last year.

The sweeper's position, about which there had been much speculation, finally was given to one of the squad's most experienced players, Tony Henderson, with Steve Blair holding his stopper's position in the last three games after resting against Thailand so Scheinflug could try out David Ratcliffe of St George.

Scheinflug said he intended also to try out Arno Bertogna in future games, so competition for centre-back positions will get even hotter. Bertogna couldn't tour this time because of injuries.

Scheinflug also has told the players he does not intend to use overseas-based players. If he were

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Stars of Cosmos, who visited Green Gully Reserve, from left: Beckenbauer, Bogicevic, Neeskens, Romero.

Martin Crook shuns Souths and stays with West Adelaide

West Adelaide's Soccerroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook has ended speculation that he is joining Rale Rasic's South Melbourne Hellas.

Crook, who has returned to Adelaide following Australia's triumph in the Merlion Tournament in Singapore, will sign a new contract with West Adelaide next week.

Said Crook this week: "I knew South Melbourne had inquired about me but I'm happy with what West have offered and there are only a few relatively minor details to iron out."

"I'll be with West in 1983; there's no reason for me to leave Adelaide."

Crook, 25, revealed he was on the verge of quitting the club last year.

However he changed his mind when Alan Vest was appointed coach.

"Two bad years (relegation had really depressed me," he said.

"If Vesty had not taken over I would have left."

Crook played in each of Australia's four games in the Merlion Tournament and the only goals he conceded were the two that South Korea scored in the final.

"We were very happy to have this Tournament particularly after we were the favorites."

"It is a real confidence

booster and we're all happily looking forward to 1983."

Casting a critical eye on his own performances, Crook believed he played "well".

"I probably should have cut the cross which led to the Koreans' first goal in the final," he said.

"But there was no way I could have stopped the second — it was a bullet."

And Crook's assessment of the opposition: Thailand. "Very weak. The only time I touched the ball was either through a pass back or a loose ball from the Thai forwards. I didn't take a single goal kick. In fact I almost scored myself with a long clearance which almost went over the goalie's head."

Indonesia: "We could have beaten them by a cricket score if we had only taken a majority of our chances."

Malaysia: "They surprised us for the first 20 minutes. But then we got two quick goals and we demolished them 5-0."



Meno Toutsidis

South Korea: "They played very well. They were well organised and looked threatening early. They missed two very good chances before we had scored. They gave us problems in the last 15 or 20 minutes."

Crook was full of praise for his team mates but particularly singled out Sydney City striker David Mitchell.

"I haven't seen all that much of him since he left Adelaide but from what I saw in Singapore he's come on in a big way. He was brilliant."

"John Kosmina played well up front as did Phil O'Connor but he (Kosmina) was really tightly marked."

Crook has now played 11 times for Australia — against China (3 games), Taiwan, North Ireland (under Rudi Gutendorf), Fiji, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and South Korea.

However he has spent many frustrating games on the Soccerroo bench during Gutendorf's reign.

"In the games I played for Gutendorf he always came up to me and said 'I'm happy with your game' and would often tell me I was the best goalkeeper in Australia."

"But he would never give me four or five games to settle down and allow me to prove myself."

"That was really tough." And how does he feel now? "It is easier to be with the team now," he says.

"Les (Scheinflug) tells us to be disciplined but at the same time gives us the freedom to do our own thing."

"I can now go on the pitch and concentrate on my game without having to glance over to the bench and wonder whether I am going to get dragged off."

"It is up to me now about holding down the goalie's spot."

"If I play well I'm in, if I don't play well I'm out."

"It's as simple as that."

Crook had a nightmare introduction to international soccer when he played for SA against Dundee United in 1978 when the Scots won 3-0.

"It was terrible. They scored twice in the opening minutes. One went over my head and the other went under me."

His other international appearances were against Red Star Belgrade (0-6), Norwich (0-4), Vardar (3-4) and Vojvodina (1-0).

Crook joined West Adelaide Hellas for the 1976 season from Para Hills but he played only two senior games after he broke a wrist at State squad training courtesy of a John Kosmina (then with Polonia) pile driver.

He rates as his best save as the one he pulled off against Adelaide City in last year's Phillips Cup semi final (West won 1-0) to deny Justin Fashanu a certain equaliser with a point blank header.

Italian Cup

Results of the first round of the Victorian Italian Cup competition held last weekend: Thomastown 4 Balaclava 0, Geelong Utd 6 Westall Utd 0, Essendon Triestina 2 Vermont 1, Dallas City 4 Regent 3.

Lewis price tag \$3000

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Lewis, a 27-year-old Scot, won the 1982 Bill Fleming Medal and from this moment on every soccer writer should forget about the tough guy image which Lewis irrevocably has shattered over the past two years.

Let's talk about the tremendous qualities of this player — not just his tackling but his off the ball runs, his disposal and vision, and not the least, his attitude.

Some people say that Peter Lewis is the best right back in Australia. We at "Soccer Action" are among them.

Lewis came to Australia in October, 1975. He just had been offered a full-time contract by Scottish club Partick Thistle but his wife Cathy had her heart set on coming to start a new life in Australia.

There probably are times when big Lewis thinks back to those days and reminisces over what might have been had he stayed and embarked on a professional soccer career.

But there also is every reason for Lewis to look to the future with optimism.

He probably never again will be better placed to make a name for himself in the PSL.



Doveton's John Dowie skips past fallen Juventus defender Paddy Bannon.

Stein bought Dowie for \$150,000

By PAUL MOON

An appearance in the FA Cup final is the ambition of every English League professional. Few have come closer than recent Doveton recruit John Dowie.

Dowie was a prominent figure during Second Division Fulham's surge into the 1975 final, playing against Nottingham Forest, Everton, Carlisle United and Birmingham City. These lively performances earned him Scottish youth international caps.

For the Wembley encounter with West Ham United however, manager Alec Stock decided that the 19 year old lacked the necessary experience for such a big occasion and he was replaced by Irishman Jim Conway, 10 years his senior.

Bowie was named as sub-

stitute, but did not get an opportunity to tread the sacred turf.

Born in Blantyre, he signed professional forms for Fulham in May, 1973, making a first team debut at Sunderland 10 months later.

Unfortunately illness hampered the early part of his career and during five years at Craven Cottage he was confined to 37 league games.

Dowie appeared to be getting nowhere fast, when Glasgow Celtic surprisingly acquired him for \$150,000.

At the time manager Jack Stein was frantically trying to fill the vast void left by Kenny Dalglish's transfer to Liverpool. Dowie was one of a number of players obtained whom he thought might just fit the bill. Another, coincidentally, was fellow Victorian State Leaguer Frank Munro, player coach of Albion Rovers at present.

Once again first team opportunities proved spasmodic though and in two seasons with the "Bhoys" Dowie was called upon just 14 times.

But Dowie did get a belated chance to play in a major cup final as before a crowd of 60,768, Celtic was beaten 1-2 by Rangers in the 1978 Scottish League Cup decider.

Former Scottish international Billy Bremner brought the six footer back to England, as a free transfer coup for Doncaster Rovers.

Player-manager Bremner was in the process of building a young, exciting team, later to be popularly tagged the "Bremner Babes".

Unfortunately, Dowie played but a small part in Rovers' subsequent rise.

Achilles tendon trouble and inconsistency restricted him to 21 league games during his two years in South Yorkshire.

Although Doncaster gained

promotion at the end of the 1980-81 campaign, Dowie was given a free transfer and returned to Glasgow — this time to less glamorous Clyde.

The versatile Dowie, a strong and skilful performer, is experienced in defence, midfield and the forward line. He turns 27 this December, and still has time to contribute much to Victorian soccer.

Revamped Wilhelmina may get \$100,000

As we went to press we expected Victorian State League club Ringwood Wilhelmina to form a new board of management and announce two huge sponsorship deals.

We believe that Dutch airline, KLM, is ready to sponsor Wilhelmina to the tune of about \$100,000 over the next three years.

Wilhelmina founder, president John van Hoboken, probably will continue on the committee which is formed almost exclusively of business men.

These moves come off then Wilhelmina can become one of the strongest clubs in Victorian soccer. It already enjoys fine facilities at its Jubilee Park home ground but doesn't command a large support. However, should Wilhelmina be able to attract the Dutch community back to the club then there's every reason to believe that it can restore itself to its former position of prominence on Victorian and Australian soccer.

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The solutions: new names, lower charges, free meals and no league

Extracts from the end-of-term address by our president, Lord Croesus, never delivered but found at the bottom of the harbor by two unidentified divers:

I think everybody will agree with me that we are leaving an interesting year behind us. Not, perhaps, the most successful on record but an educational one, to say the least.

One of the most burning questions we must face is the fall in match attendances, especially in the National League. But remedy is on the way.

Our marketing people, after considerable soul-searching lasting at least 23 minutes, have come up with a refreshing proposal.

Next season, in order to entice more people to come to soccer, we will reduce admission charges from \$4 to 10 cents. At the same time, all spectators will be treated to a five-course A La Carte dinner at half price which will be slightly extended from 10 minutes to three hours.

I expect this will cause ce-

tain temporary financial losses for our clubs. However, I am convinced that once people have started to come back to soccer, they will stick with us even if the dinners are later reduced to a smorgasbord served in a marquee, for the same price.

We will also, again on the strong advice of our instant experts, change the names of the clubs. The American experiment, I admit, was a failure; most people associated the Leopards, Lions, Hawks, Rams, Wolves and Eagles with the zoo and not with soccer.

Instead, we will encourage clubs to invent hypothetical new names which sound more glamorous, such as Flamengo, Arsenal, Lazio, River Plate, etc. I am told that such names and similar ones have been invented in certain overseas countries with great



Andrew Dettre

success, so they should click here, too.

We will vary the season a bit. In the past, one year we dropped the Cup, in another year the Top Four. Next season we will drop the League, so that we don't fall into any dull, routine pattern. This will also shorten the season by about 30 weeks, enabling us to hold an extra dozen or two executive meetings which are so often inconvenienced by match schedules.

This, no doubt, would tempt the naive among our clubs to stage their own tournaments. But in their own interest, we will not permit any.

Past experiences have left a bad taste in many mouths; just think of the success of the 1979 Cosmos tour or this year's St. George international tournament. If we allowed clubs or individuals to carry on like that, they might acquire the bad habit of enterprise which is alien to soccer.

Instead, it will be only our association which will have the right to negotiate tours and visits by teams. I am not saying that these visits will actually take place — the important thing is the negotiation which has to be conducted overseas. I and some of my fellow directors are willing to make the supreme sacrifice of travelling to London, Zurich, Rome, Athens and other unsavory places to conduct these negotiations. And we are prepared to rough

it: instead of using a chartered executive jet, we go on simple first class. Further proof of the roughing: we take our wives with us.

The World Cup is never out of our sight: we must obey the Royal Command of our Governor General and win it, at the latest in 1986, preferably sooner.

To ensure this, we will establish four more committees and we will play as many internationals as possible, at least one every two years. Next season the Socceros will participate in the Jacaranda Tournament at Armidale, then make an extensive tour of the Baromudgee Irrigation Area and later play the runners-up in the Western Samoan Charity Shield for Women. This, I'm glad to say, will be for the Croesus Cup, an ancient Greek urn.

Also next year, a top team will play three matches here from The Mother Country whose officials have indicated that in 1997 or not later than 2134, we will be invited for a

return visit. And you'll be surprised how fast time flies.

I will also consider an inquiry into the alleged financial stress of our clubs. One often hears the charge that many of them exist in a state of total poverty, that some of the club officials are so heavily in debt that they are forced to eat the studs from the soccer boots of players.

I don't necessarily accept the growing belief that poverty is bad for you; not everybody can keep his dignity and money, too. Besides, financial headaches tend to keep clubs on their toes and save them from declining into the kind of opulence which once destroyed Rome and also badly damaged the Sydney Junior League Club.

Even the Bible warns, judiciously one may add, that the poor will inherit the earth. This, I feel, should be borne in mind by those clubs who, with maniacal zeal, pursue a balanced budget and claim that our association should look after their interest.

Frankly, we don't want to inherit the earth; we've got it. We intend to heed the clamours and the pleas of the PSL to gain proportional representation on our executive. We will probably grant them one full seat on a board of 28. It's nonsense to claim that they will be swamped on every issue: if, for example, their man manages to vote 29 times, he may even win a point. But we don't wish to allow the PSL too much autonomy in case they can make it work and then how would the rest of us look?

So, as you can see, we have some exciting plans for the new season; that much for the critics who never stop trying to confuse you with facts.

If, by any chance, our plans don't work in 1983, I pledge here and now, like a man of his words, that I will not abandon the leading ship but will stand for re-election again and again, and will make an even better speech this time next year.

Crook No.1, Blair meets his match

From page one

to recall Eddie Krncevic from Dinamo Zagreb, Paul Kay from Carlton Athletic or Peter Sharne from Hong Kong, he would have to drop players who are working hard for their places, and he feels this would be unfair.

But Scheinflug may face a near insurmountable problem if key players from the present squad join the exodus overseas. There has been talk, for instance, about Katholos, Davidson and George Christopoulos wanting to try their luck overseas.

On the other hand, if this set of players sticks together with a minimum of changes over the next three years, Australia will make a bold bid in the 1985 World Cup qualifying series.

Martyn Crook almost certainly will remain the first choice goalkeeper. So it should be, as he long has been the best in Australia.

His deputy, Bruce James of Blacktown, did not get a run in the Singapore tournament, and with Greg Woodhouse coming back and Jeff Oliver eager to try his luck, it may have been James's one and only tour.

The sweeper's position is still open to anyone who can prove himself to be better than Henderson who, meanwhile, will hang on for dear life. John Yzen-dorn is a possibility and so too is Oscar Crino, providing he returns from Hong Kong to join a local club.

Katholos and Gary Byrne won't be shifted from midfield, but the left midfield spot is not as watertight. George Christopoulos edged out Peter Raskopoulos on tour, and probably will hold an advantage because of his shooting power, his greater height and his versatility (he also could play sweeper, even striker).

Steve Blair was capable as usual but he suffered one of the greatest hidings of his short career in the final, when he ran into Korean striker Oh-suk Jae.

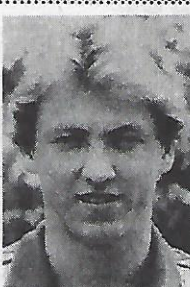
Like Kim Jae Han, Korea's giant forward of 1973, Oh-suk Jae stands about 6ft 3ins, is powerfully built and acts as the focal point of Korea's attacks.

Two skilful, fast wingers — especially Park Joun Kee on the left — take on their opponents wide and cross the ball to Oh-suk Jae who nods it down to supporting midfielders. Almost all of Korea's attacks were constructed in this way.

So good is Oh-suk Jae in the air, that Blair won only about three of his duels with the big Korean.

Yet Oh-suk Jae has just lost his place in Korea's national 'A' team to the younger Choi Soon Ho, who starred in the Korean youth team that was so impressive in the World Youth Championships played in Australia last year.

South Korea has two national teams — a professional 'A' selection and a 'B' team of almost equal strength. Although the Merlion Cup was an 'A' international tournament,



David Mitchell

the Korean team featured only about seven members of the country's strongest side. It must be added however, that the remainder includes Korea's German-based professionals, who are lured back home for only the most important of national team matches.

The Koreans displayed all their impressive skills against Australia in the final, but the conditions didn't suit their ball-playing style. The pitch was a

bit heavy from rain, and this gave the Australians a slight advantage. The Socceros also were a little fitter.

In the first half of the final, Australia ran riot, scoring early through O'Connor and Mitchell and then taking it easy. In the second half, Australia attacked again but Korea hung on and managed to break through for a goal. Luckily for Australia, Christopoulos made it 3-1 almost immediately. The Koreans still had a lot left and in the last 15 minutes they hit Australia with everything they had and were rewarded by another goal.

Both teams were dead on their feet at the end of the game, and the Socceros sighed in relief that it was over. Extra time could have gone either way.

Australia collected first-prize money of \$15,000 plus a gold trophy worth \$15,000.

The players, however, will see none of it. They'll have to be content with their wages for the two weeks — about \$700 a man.

Scheinflug was delighted with the effort.

"This was a new team, so really I didn't know exactly what to expect, yet we showed a lot of technique and a lot of style. The public certainly appreciated us," he said.

"In fact, we were regarded so highly that Malaysia invited us to take part in its Merdeka tournament next September, and we also were invited to visit South Korea and Indonesia."

Scheinflug stressed that all players performed well but singled out six for special praise: Katholos, Davidson, Kosmina, Mitchell, O'Connor and Niven.

Throughout the tour, the players showed a healthy respect for Scheinflug who, likewise, paid due respect to the players. But he is sterner and more serious now than when he was assistant coach.

Asked whether the Australians were criticised for being too rough, as they usually are in Asia, Scheinflug said: "I anticipated this problem, so I instructed the players to keep it clean, not to retaliate, and to apologise after heavy tackles. So every time we brought an opponent down, we would shake hands and lift them up again. The Indonesians dived Hollywood-style but because of our gentlemanly conduct, the referees weren't sucked in."

It was reported during the tournament that the Australians and Indonesians were offered bribes during the tournament.

"There were a few

Merlion details

Details of Australia's appearances in the Merlion Cup tournament:

v. THAILAND 4-0. Scorers: Kosmina 2, O'Connor, Cole.

AUSTRALIA: Crook — Davidson, Ratcliffe, Henderson, Niven — Katholos, Byrne, Raskopoulos, O'Connor — Cole (Egan), Kosmina.

BEST PLAYERS: O'Connor, Davidson, Kosmina.

v. INDONESIA 2-0. Scorer: Mitchell 2.

AUSTRALIA: Crook — Davidson, Blair, Henderson, Niven — Christopoulos, Byrne, Raskopoulos (Katholos), Mitchell — Kosmina, Egan (O'Connor).

BEST PLAYERS: Mitchell, Byrne, Blair.

v. MALAYSIA 5-0 (semi-final). Scorers: Katholos 2, Kosmina pen., go'Connor, Cole.

AUSTRALIA: Crook — Davidson, Blair, Henderson, Niven — Katholos, Byrne, Christopoulos, O'Connor — Cole — Kosmina, Mitchell.

BEST PLAYERS: Katholos, Mitchell, O'Connor, Byrne.

v. SOUTH KOREA 3-2 (final). Scorers: O'Connor, Mitchell, Christopoulos.

AUSTRALIA: Crook — Davidson, Blair, Henderson, Niven — Katholos, Byrne, Christopoulos, O'Connor — Kosmina, Mitchell.

BEST PLAYERS: Davidson, Katholos, Kosmina, Mitchell, Byrne.

Total appearances:

4, Crook, Davidson, Henderson, Niven, Katholos, Byrne, O'Connor, Kosmina; 3, Blair, Christopoulos, Mitchell; 2, Cole, Egan, Raskopoulos; 1, Ratcliffe.

Total scorers:

3, Kosmina, Mitchell, O'Connor; 2, Cole, Katholos; 1, Christopoulos.

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- Leaders:**
25 Abonyi
18 Baartz
16 Cole
13 Ollerton
11 Kosmina
8 Vojtek, McColl
7 Alston, Buljevic
6 Warren, Mitchell

TOTAL APPEARANCES

- Leaders:**
115 Wilson
99 Rooney
88 Abonyi
72 Schaefer
62 Warren
60 Utjesenovic, Alston
60 Richards
59 Baartz

- 10 Romanowicz, van Alphen, Fraser

TOTAL GOALS

- Leaders:**
36 Abonyi
21 Baartz, Cole
20 Ollerton
17 Alston, Krncevic, Kosmina
13 Vojtek
11 Buljevic
10 Richards, Harding, Sharne
9 Warren, McColl, Barnes
8 Mitchell

FULL YOUTH INTERNATIONALS (since Australia's preparation for its first World Youth Championships in 1979)

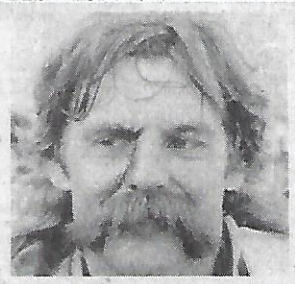
- Leaders:**
17 Raskopoulos
15 Katholos, Blair
14 Kay
13 Crino, Patikas
12 Ahearn, Mitchell, Hunter
11 Woods, Lee
8 Little

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL GOALS

- Leaders:**
6 Krncevic
5 Koussas
4 Crino
3 P. Tredinnick
- TOTAL AUSTRALIAN YOUTH APPEARANCES**
- Leaders:**
20 Raskopoulos
17 Wheatley, Kay
16 Blair
15 Patikas, Hunter
14 Ahearn, Mitchell
13 Crino, Woods, Lee
11 Woodhouse, Milovanovic, Se-lermidis, Rowden
10 Little, P. Tredinnick, Krncevic, Christopoulos, Davidson, Jennings

TOTAL AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAM GOALS

- Leaders:**
9 Krncevic
5 Koussas, P. Tredinnick
4 Crino, Jennings, Raskopoulos



Peter Wilson — our senior international

- 55 Ollerton, Bennett
52 Mackay, G. Byrne
49 Barnes
47 Harris
44 J. Nyskohus, Harding
43 Vojtek, Williams
42 Tansey
39 Maher, Sharne
38 Henderson
36 Muniz
35 Reilly
34 Curran, Clarke
33 Corry, Krncevic, Cole
31 Watkiss
30 Buljevic, Ackerley, Jankovics
27 Prskalo
25 Boden, Perry, Davidson
24 E. Campbell, Woodhouse
21 Keith
20 McColl
19 Tolson
18 Yzen-dorn
17 R. Hogg, P. O'Connor
16 Westwater, Blues
15 P. Stone, Blair
14 Denton, Marnoch, Selemidis
13 Marocich, Hughes, Bertogna
12 Cumming, Shepherd, Blue
11 Roche, Yaeger, Scheinflug, S. Hogg, Creek, Christopoulos

offers of girls and so on, but of course we accepted nothing. Betting on matches goes on there and I guess there might be a little bit of corruption around, but it was of no concern to us," Scheinflug said.

Scheinflug's concern now is with the national youth team which left on Monday to take part in the Havelange tournament in Acapulco, Mexico.

Australia is in a group with Mexico, Brazil and Costa Rica. The other group comprises Argentina, USSR, the US and Israel.

The tournament runs from November 3 to 19, and arrangements have been made for the teams that drop out before the finals to take part in another tournament elsewhere in Mexico.

The young Socceros lost trial games 0-3 to South Australia and 0-1 to

South Australia under 21s in Adelaide last week, but Scheinflug was not disappointed.

He said he had instructed his assistant Raul Blanco to train the youth players hard to build up their stamina in preparation for the Mexico tournament, and so they would have lacked sharpness in the Adelaide trial games.

In addition, the team played without two of its stars, Russell Stewart and Rod Brown.

"What matters is how they play in Mexico, not Adelaide," Scheinflug said.

The top players in the young Australian team are Jim Patikas (Sydney City), Robbie Slater (St George), Fabio Incantupo (Juventus, Vic), David Lowe, Ralph Marci (Newcastle), Ray Vilestra (Wollongong), Tom McCulloch (Marconi) and Danny Wright (Brisbane Lions).



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Doug Collins eyes Cannell, Wade

By LAURIE SCHWAB

**AJAX 1 (Macloed 44th)
CROYDON 0, Dockerty Cup
semi-final at Olympic Park.
Crowd about 1000 (double-
header). Cautions: Cannell (A),
McCombe (C).**

AJAX: McKenna 8 - Peter
Lewis 5, Gardiner 7, Cannell 8,
Hogben 7 - Boyle 5, Vassallo 8,
Smallman 6 - Macloed 8, Paul
Lewis 5, Williams 8.
CROYDON: Kastner 8 - Brown
8, Denridder 7, McCombe 8, Rainey
6 - Dobson 6, Rooney 5, Wade 7
- P. Loughnane 6, I. Loughnane 6,
Nolan 7.

Doug Collins, new coach of
Marconi, was at this
match, apparently to
assess Paul Wade of
Croydon and Stuart
Cannell of Ajax.

Four men - Gus Macloed,
Willie Vassallo, Jim Williams
and Cannell - carried Ajax on
their backs, yet still Croydon
couldn't achieve the upset
result about which its players
had been dreaming.

Despite the effects of the
previous night's celebrations
at the club's presentation
dance, the key Ajax players
still were too classy for
Croydon and the defence still
steady enough to cope with the
usually dangerous Loughnane
brothers.

In fact, had Paul Lewis not
wasted three breakaway runs,
Ajax could have won this game
much more easily.

The best that can be said of
Lewis in this game was that he
was fleet of foot but vacant of
mind. Why on earth didn't he
try to go around goalkeeper
Lou Kastner instead of shooting
straight at him?

Peter Lewis, winner of the
Bill Fleming Medal only a few
days earlier, never came to
grips with the game at all, and
for most of the time stood by
watching as Croydon winger
Terry Nolan did as he liked.
Peter Boyle lost the ball every
time he got it. Need we go on?

But Ajax still won - albeit
with the help of a great save by
goalkeeper Steve McKenna
and a clearance off the line by
John Gardiner. It was, to be
sure, not up to the standard of
Ajax's better performances,
but just watch the Greens next
week! Paul Lewis probably
will score one or two, deter-
mined to wipe out the memory
of last Sunday, Peter Lewis
will be back to his fearsome
best, Boyle will play with a lot
more assurance and so will the
rest of the team.

What dominates the talk at
Ajax at the moment though, is
what will happen next season.
Although Bobby McLachlan
has indicated time and time
again that he wants to leave
after the final, president Guy
Spiteri says there's still a
chance McLachlan will stay.

Will John Gardiner take
over or won't he? There have
been no official talks at com-
mittee level, says Spiteri, says
McLachlan, says Gardiner.
Will the club's policy change
next year, to allow for the
promotion of club-reared
youngsters? Yes, says Spiteri.
Dane Beranic and Ron
Kremers already have been
told they will figure in the
team's plans for 1983, regard-
less of who the coach is.

Meanwhile, a few words of
praise for young Croydon right
back Mark Brown who did a
fine job against Croydon. And
what about the battle between
Steve McCombe and Gus
Macloed? Talk about clash of
the Titans!

If there was a highlight of
this match it must have been
this confrontation between two
of the most determined char-
acters in State League soccer.
Honors came out even, al-
though Macloed did score the
winning goal with a header
seconds before half time.

One of the best pieces of
early action was an inspired

pass by Brown out wide to
Nolan who was on his own. It
was a memorable pass be-
cause Brown had to jump high
and belt the ball hard under
pressure, more like a clear-
ance than a measured pass,
yet it still found its mark and
created a scoring opportunity.

Then came the first of Paul
Lewis's breakaway runs. He
got into the box with only Kas-
tner to beat, yet he shot
straight at the advancing 'kee-
per.

Nolan was figuring in most
of Croydon's forward moves,
as he did when he accepted a
fine ball from Jimmy Rooney
and played it square across,
hoping a team-mate would
connect. Alas, only Ajax's
David Smallman was there
and he played it back to
McKenna to avert danger.

At the other end, Paul Wade
jumped with Peter Lewis to
save Croydon in the air after a
corner.

But Croydon continuing to
cause Ajax big headaches
through Nolan on the left wing.
A cross by Nolan to Peter
Loughnane who headed it down
into the box on the right start-
ed a period of sustained
Croydon pressure capped by a
great low shot by Brown which
failed narrowly.

Then came Croydon's best
chance of the match.

A long free kick out of
defence found Peter Lough-
nane on the run, just inside
the attacking half. The Ajax
defence stood, appealing for
offside but the referee waved
play-on, and Loughnane was
through, with the goal at his
mercy.

At the edge of the penalty
area however, Loughnane
stumbled over the ball!

What mortification!

Paul Lewis had one of his
many misses in the 3rd min-
ute, when he latched onto a de-
fensive clearance almost

inside the goal area. At the
other end, Ian Loughnane got
into the clear only to blast a
shot across the face of goal. A
world in defence of Paul Lewis
before we go on. He is tremen-
dously fast on the break. In
fact, I doubt any defender in
the league can catch him from
a standing start. He's also an
exciting, explosive player with
the knack of getting into the
right place at the right time,
and he did score 23 goals in the
league. If he practices going
around the 'keeper he may get
closer to 40 next year!

As the first half was draw-
ing to a close, Smallman inad-
vertently cleared the ball
straight to the feet of Paul
Wade who took the opportunity
to launch a power shot at the
Ajax goal. It was off-line and
Wade, disgusted with himself,
held his head in despair.

Then came the deciding mo-
ments. Peter Lewis, having
pushed up on the right, forced
a corner. Williams took the
kick and Macloed, running in
on it, headed the ball power-
fully past Kastner for what
was to prove the winning goal.
Only 15 seconds remained
before the half-time whistle
went.

Croydon's best chances of
the second half both fell to Ian
Dobson, within a minute of
each other. First Dobson
headed a corner down onto the
ground, hoping the bounce
would fool McKenna. It almost
did, but McKenna managed a
last-gasp leap to touch the
bouncing ball over the
crossbar with his fingertips.

The resulting corner also
went to Dobson. This time
McKenna was beaten, but Gar-
diner was on the goal line to
head the ball clear.

Then the next chapter of the
Paul Lewis story. Yet again
the little striker got away
from the half line in a break-
away run that put him well
into the clear, once again
facing Kastner man to man
and yet again, he lost the ball
to Kastner.

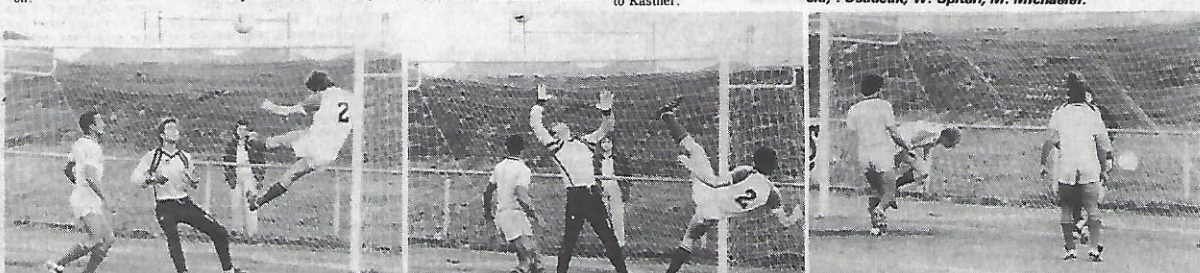
Croydon, back row: Colin Hasler (assistant
coach); Mick Rainey, Paul Wade, Ian Dobson,
Lou Kastner, Steve McCombe, Ian Loughna-
ne, Mick Edwards, Terry Nolan, Roy Howard
(trainer), Bill McArthur (coach), Gary Hobson.
Front row: Reno Lia, Peter Loughnane, Mark
Brown, Jim Rooney, Peter Denridder, Guy
Bakker, Graham Haupt.



Ardeer's senior team, quarter finalist in Metro Cup,
seventh in league - back row from left to right: W.
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nowski, J. Blichas, F. Di Benedetto, T. Smietanka (Vice-
President), S. Sady (Team Manager, Front Row: J. Saliba,
J. Christoudias, H. Christoudias, R. Kotlega, G. Jaracki,
F. Kucynski, P. Wisniewski.



Ardeer's champion reserves team back row from left
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Palatides, H. Gondek, T. Zombola, P. Borucinski, R.
Kotlega, G. Jaracki, W. Gawron (President). Front Row:
A. Obrombalski, G. Orlinski (Coach), M. Manilla, T.
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Darch. Missing: Coaches - R. Gamanski, and T. Wolco-
cki; - Osadczuk, W. Spiteri, M. Michaelof.



Photographer Les Shorrock captures Ajax's first goal against the new York Cosmos at Green Gully Reserve last Saturday. From left: Peter
Lewis (No. 2) heads goalwards, while goalkeeper David Brcic and Darryl Gee wait. Centre: Brcic is beaten; right: Gus Macloed applies
the finishing touch.

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Croatia to borrow Ajax's recipe for success

Croatia has taken a leaf out of Green Gully Ajax's recipe for Dockerty Cup success and will hold its annual presentation night on Saturday, the eve of the 1992 cup final to be held at Olympic Park, starting at 3 pm.

Ajax players drank into the early hours of last Sunday morning at their annual presentation night before going out and winning their semi-final against Croydon 1-0. Maybe the key to Dockerty Cup success is to be well oiled and loosened up before the match.

Croatia's presentation night kicks off at 7.30pm on Saturday at the Croatian Catholic Centre, Lot 2, Springvale Road, Keysborough. The main awards to be presented are: Player of the Year, Leading Goalscorer, Most Improved First Year Player and Most Consistent.

Although Ajax probably will go into Sunday's final a firm

favorite, Croatia has players like Dave Brogan, Ken Murphy, Keith Adams, Sean Parton, Jeff Faulkner and Josip Biskic capable of upsetting the odds and winning the 1992 Dockerty Cup.

Both Croatia and Ajax will have drastically revamped squads next year. Bill Vojtek and John Gardiner have been sounded out for the Croatia coaching job while Gardiner also is a candidate for the Ajax position.

State League desperately needs a top flight Croatia side.

Ajax clearly outclasses its rivals but can't command a heavy following. A successful Croatia can look forward to drawing an average home crowd of around 3,000, twice that of any other State League club.

"The Age" threw the cat

among the pigeons on Monday with a story which revealed that Gus Macleod, Willie Vassallo, David Smallman, Peter Dickson and Peter Boyle could be discarded by Ajax if Gardiner is coach next year. All this week, present manager-coach, Bobby McLachlan, will be trying to knit together the rift among his players caused by "The Age's" disclosure.

However, any rift in the Ajax camp simply would even out Sunday's contest. Quite a few Croatia players aren't happy with the course the club has chosen to follow in the past year. Obviously Croatia needs at least four top class players to seriously challenge for all major honors in 1993.

I'm tipping an Ajax victory

but for the first time this season I'm not that confident of success for the green and whites.

The curtain raiser to Sunday's clash is the 1992 Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup final between Hellas-Hakoah and George Cross.

Big Hellas-Hakoah striker, Tom Patsakos, scored his team's goals in its 2-0 semi-final success against Richmond last weekend.

Hellas-Hakoah has an exciting, young squad and is my tip for Sunday. The Greek sponsored club already has won the State League reserves championship and will be out to complete a fine double by downing George Cross.

Previous Dockerty Cup winners

- 1909 - Carlton United
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- 1911 - St Kilda
- 1912 - Williamstown
- 1913 - Yarraville
- 1914 - Melbourne Thistle
- 1915 - Melbourne Thistle
- 1916 - Melbourne Thistle
- 1917 - Footscray Thistle
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- 1940 - ICI
- 1941 - Morwell
- 1942 - Prahran
- 1943 - Brighton
- 1944 - Brighton
- 1945 - Melbourne Hakoah
- 1946 - Prahran
- 1947 - South Yarra
- 1948 - Park Rangers
- 1949 - Park Rangers
- 1950 - Morwell
- 1951 - J.U.S.T.
- 1952 - Brighton
- 1953 - Hakoah
- 1954 - Hakoah
- 1955 - Hakoah
- 1956 - Morwell
- 1957 - Warrington
- 1958 - Footscray Cross
- 1959 - Juventus
- 1960 - Juventus
- 1961 - Juventus
- 1962 - Footscray Cross
- 1963 - J.U.S.T.
- 1964 - Slavia
- 1965 - Slavia
- 1966 - Hakoah
- 1967 - Pt. Melb. Slavia
- 1968 - Croatia
- 1969 - Croatia
- 1970 - Juventus
- 1971 - Juventus
- 1972 - Juventus
- 1973 - Hakoah St. Kilda
- 1974 - St. Melb. Hakoah
- 1975 - St. Melb. Hakoah
- 1976 - Footscray J.U.S.T.
- 1977 - Juventus
- 1978 - George Cross
- 1979 - Essendon
- 1980 - Essendon
- 1981 - Ajax

Murphy hat-trick, jittery Juventus

MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (Murphy 50th, 52nd, 80th, Gojevic 58th) JUVENTUS 1 (V. Bannan 32nd). Dockerty Cup semi-final at Olympic Park. Referee: Mike Gaut 6.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7, Curcio 6, Parton 8, Adams 7, Denkovic 6, Blazic 7, Faulkner 7, Antolovic 6, Gojevic 7 - Brogan 6, Murphy 8.

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 6 - V. Bannan 6, Donaldson 7, P. Bannan 6, Geramita 7 - Cunningham 6, G. Bannan 6 (Warner 55th), Swinscoe 6, Nelson 6 (Romano 72nd), French 7, Heary 6.

A second half hat-trick from Ken Murphy and a superb drive from Vince Bannan highlighted this mistake ridden semi-final and put Croatia into Sunday's Dockerty Cup final against arch rival Ajax.

Don't get carried away by the margin of Croatia's win. It will have to improve dramatically to beat Ajax. However, with players like Murphy, Jeff Faulkner, Josip Biskic, Dave Brogan, Sean Parton and Keith Adams, Croatia is capable of turning it on this Sunday.

Juventus was a joke in the final analysis, a shoddy excuse for a well drilled, organised outfit. Indeed, both these sides look like disciples of free flowing, spontaneous soccer with little rhyme or reason.

I was very impressed by a few tremendous off-the-ball runs by Croatia midfielder Jeff Faulkner even though he wasn't used by his team mates.

Dave Brogan didn't have a great game. Peter Donaldson did his job on the Croatia striker.

Little Josip Biskic continues to impress me. I like his confidence in taking on opponents.

Jozo Antolovic rarely was sighted.

Graham French, with little support, was beaten by Sean

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Croatia's class midfielder Jeff Faulkner.

Parton however French shielded the ball well and was the one Juve player up front able to maintain possession until supported by team mates.

Parton was a bit cheeky in the second half. He stood on the ball inside his own area, inviting French to close him down before he tapped the ball back to goalkeeper Peter Blasby. Somehow I don't think Parton will be as cocky against big Gus Macleod.

While we're talking about Macleod I'm led to believe that Croatia is very keen to sign him for next year. And Stefan Mila also is being tipped to wear Croatia's colors in 1993. The Croatia committee who bought Ossie Latil earlier this year is tipped to make a bid to try to sign George Cross striker Bobby Toal.

I've been told that Joe Carroll, Ringwood Wilhelmia's striker, could be a free player soon. His temporary

visa is about to expire and once he goes overseas I believe that his contract with Wilhelmia will become invalid. What a steal he'll be if he leaves Wilhelmia.

Let's get back to this match. In the 10th minute Juventus goalkeeper Alex Fantoma was at his spectacular best. Ken Murphy beat Paddy Bannan on the right then crossed low into the Juventus area. Steve Gojevic tapped the ball into Biskic's path and the little Croatia midfielder let fly with a dipping shot. The ball straight to Fantoma who took the opportunity to display his showmanship by pulling off a spectacular one handed punch which pleased quite a few Juventus supporters, but probably left coach Tony Boggi in a mild state of terror.

Ged Bannan and Jozo Antolovic had a slight dust up near the half way line. Big Antolovic was a bit too generous with his swinging arms and Bannan tried to repay the complement with a swinging boot. Later in the game one of them aimed a boot at the other off the ball but missed.

Juve's first threat came in the 15th minute when French passed square to Vince Bannan going down Juve's right. The 1982 Rothmans medalist has had far better games but this time he played a good one-two with Stuart Cunningham and crossed to the near post. Jim Nelson spun around and shot but Blasby reacted quickly, palming clear with one hand.

The Phantom of the Loosie pecker struck a few minutes later.

"Would the children playing in the sand pit please stop and leave the pit," he bellowed after the match the seagulls who invaded the pitch were allowed to stay there.

Then Kenny Murphy, from a short free kick, tested Fantoma with a hard, low drive. Two minutes later Vince Bannan not only tested but comprehensively beat Blasby who didn't have time to move as Bannan slammed the ball into the roof of the net from 25 metres out.

French should have put Juventus 2-0 up just before half time. Parton completely missed a long, high ball and French steadied then hammered a low volley to the near post but Blasby was down well to hold at the second attempt.



Bodies everywhere, but where's the ball? Juve's Kevin Swinscoe (left) is partly obscured by Josip Biskic. Vince Bannan (centre) is about to get up as Peter Donaldson (Juventus) hurdles fallen Croatia striker Dave Brogan. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Five minutes into the second half scores were level. A Murphy header (obviously one for the scrapbook) from six metres out beat Fantoma at the near post. Faulkner had supplied the cross from the right and, from a Juventus viewpoint, Murphy alarmingly was unmarked. But that just was the start. Murphy proceeded to batter and almost break the rickety Juventus defence.

He scored his second goal two minutes later. He had won the goalside position down the left from Vince Bannan and ran into goal then slammed the ball low into the far corner. Fantoma was caught hopelessly out of position, almost standing next to the near post.

A Josip Biskic corner in the 56th minute led to Croatia's third goal and ended what little hope there was of a Juventus fightback.

Steve Gojevic challenged Frank Geramita in the air, a contest akin to Tommy Cumming and Alex Marshall challenging for high balls. The ball fell kindly for Gojevic who struck it on the bounce into the back of the Juventus goal from about six metres out.

Biskic beat Vince Bannan in the 80th minute and crossed near post where Brogan's attempt to sidefoot in was blocked. Murphy was on hand to shoot into the open goal, completing his hat-trick and the demise of Juventus.

Referee Mike Gaut, the Clark Kent look alike, sporting a snappy red headband a la Ilse, made his one dreadful decision in the 86th minute.

Another mate of mine, a little linesman, was on duty at this game. I had a dig at him a few weeks back. Now I'd like to complement him for his effort here. He was so understanding that I hardly noticed him.

Amateur Cup to Post Tel

POST TEL INSTITUTE 1 (S. Ioannidis) DIAMOND CREEK 0, Amateur league final played at Heidelberg/Bundoora Soccer Ground.

Post Tel, which was led League Cup to its list of previous honours in the now extinct District League.

Post Tel, which way led brilliantly by Nick Pappas from the back, finished top against Diamond Creek which never stopped trying all day.

This final was played in front of a very encouraging crowd which was entertained by a hotly contested encounter in ideal conditions. The first half was dominated by both defences who refused to give an inch to any attacker. Consequently, most of the action took place in midfield.

After the break, Diamond Creek failed to reproduce the same running game which served it so well in the first half and the more skilful Post

Tel players started dictating play.

The every dangerous Sam Ioannidis was creating havoc every time he had the ball and deservedly scored the goal that decided the issue.

In the centre of defence, Post Tel had John Farrugia whose timely tackles and positive forward runs proved invaluable at the end.

The cup was presented to captain Ioannidis by VSF secretary, George Wallace.

Best Players: Post Tel: Nick Pappas, John Farrugia, Sam Ioannidis, Diamond Creek: D. Reid, S. Curtis, H. Robinson.

Vics triumph

VICTORIAN AMATEUR LEAGUE 3 (Karantonis 2, Gyarmuti) BENDIGO LEAGUE 1

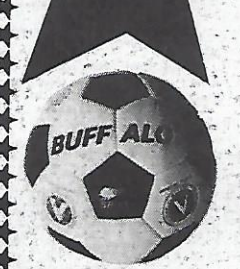
1 VICTORIAN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Mazi, Larin, Friedman (captain), Varga, Nadey, Losonc, Matias (Gillott 55th), Baine (Suban 55th), Karantonis, Mielock.

The Victorian Amateur League representative side, coached by Harry Chalkitis reversed last year's result when it beat the Bendigo League rep side 3-1 in their annual challenge match.

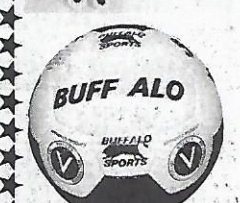
The Vic. amateurs included players from Parkmore, 1992 amateur champion Chadstone, Latrobe University, Hosa United, Maccabi Hakoah and Lyndale United.

Goals by Karantonis in the 14th and 36th minutes and a 47th minute goal from Gyarmiti gave the Vic amateurs their well deserved win.

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The 1982 Victorian Italian Cup kicked off last weekend at the home ground of Provisional Second Division club Bulleen in Bulleen Road.

In the qualifying rounds the prestigious tournament involve games of 70 minutes duration. The quarter-finals also will be played over 70 minutes but the semi-finals and finals will revert to the accepted 90 minute format.

The draw for all remaining games:

Wednesday, 27 October
6.00 pm - Dallas City-Westall

Saturday, 30 October
1.00 pm - Nunawading Utd.

2.30 pm - Werribee-Bulleen
4.00 pm - Fawkner-East

Carlton
5.30 pm - Juventus-Macleod

United
Wednesday, 3 November
6.30 pm - Moonee Ponds-

Macleod Utd.
Saturday, 6 November
1.00 pm - Essendon City-

Moonee Ponds
2.30 pm - Werribee-Nunawading

Utd.
4.00 pm - Thomastown-Geelong

United
5.30 pm - Bulleen-Epping

United
Sunday, 7 November
1.00 pm - East Brunswick-

Westall Utd.
2.30 pm - Fawkner-Westall

4.00 pm - Juventus-Vermont
5.30 pm - Regent-East

Carlton
Wednesday, 10 November
6.30 pm - Bulleen-Epping

Eagles
Saturday, 13 November
1.00 pm - Moonee Ponds-

Vermont
2.30 pm - East Brunswick-

Geelong Utd.
5.30 pm - Fawkner-Regent

United
5.30 pm - Nunawading Utd.-

Epping Eagles.

Sunday, 14 November
1.00 pm - Dallas City-East

Carlton
2.30 pm - Thomastown-West-

all United
4.00 pm - Juventus-Essendon

City
5.30 pm - Werribee-Ascot

United
Wednesday, 17 November
6.30 pm - East Brunswick-

Batman Utd.
Saturday, 20 November
1.00 pm - Geelong Utd-

Batman Utd.
2.30 pm - Werribee-Epping

Eagles
4.00 pm - Juventus-Moonee

Ponds
5.30 pm - Essendon City-

Macleod Utd.
Sunday, 21 November
1.00 pm - Regent-Westall

2.30 pm - Thomastown-East

Brunswick
4.00 pm - Fawkner-Dallas

City
5.30 pm - Bulleen-Nunawading

United
Saturday, 27 November
1.00 pm - Ascot United-

Epping Eagles
2.30 pm - East Carlton-West-

all
4.00 pm - Vermont-Macleod

United
5.30 pm - Batman Utd.-West-

all Utd.

QUARTER FINALS
Sunday, 28 November
1.00 pm (1) First Quarter

Final Winner A v Second B
2.30 pm (2) Second Quarter

Final Winner B v Second C
4.00 pm (3) Third Quarter

Final Winner C v Second D
5.30 pm (4) Fourth Quarter

Final Winner D v Second A

SEMI-FINALS
Sunday, 5 December
2.00 pm First Semi-Final

4.00 pm Second Semi-Final

FINALS
Sunday, 12 December
1.30 pm FINAL 3rd and 4th

Place
4.00 pm GRAND FINAL



"My aim for this year was to play for the Victorian under 19s and to reach PSL standard. I was picked for the State squad and I got my chance to play senior soccer for Preston Makedonia in the Phillips Cup against Footscray JUST. I'll never forget that morning. The manager rang me up and told me to front for the game. When I got there I didn't know what to do. I started putting my boots on and my hands were shaking, I was so nervous. As soon as the game started I knew I had something to prove to myself, to coach Peter Orlerton, to the Makedonia committee and to the supporters: that I was good enough to play PSL soccer. Peter Orlerton made me feel confident and so did all the players. Then I scored. I made an overlap at my first opportunity and caught a half-clearance on the volley, to send a screamer past Dennis Boland from the right side after only five minutes..."

Con Opasinas, 18, couldn't have had a better PSL debut. But it was a fitting one for a boy who started playing for Makedonia at the age of 10 and worked his way up through the ranks: a clubman through and through.

His junior career was a distinguished one. He won the best and fairest award in the under 16 team that went through a season undefeated, and he represented Victoria at under 16, 18 and 19 levels.

His most memorable junior match was against Green Gully Ajax under 16s in the curtain raiser to a main match in 1979. Con scored in the last minute of play, and the goal gave Makedonia the State League Colts championship.

In 1980, when Makedonia was promoted to the PSL, Opasinas also was promoted — from the juniors to the club's Second Division team. Although he had to adjust to the much more physical style of the Second Division, Opasinas again was successful and capped the season by being named most improved player.

Opasinas takes up the story: "In 1982 I started pre-season training with the PSL side under coach Peter Orlerton, whom I always had respected, since he was playing for Australia. I never thought I'd be coached by a former international star.

"My attitude always has been to enjoy the game, be it with the team or playing in the street with my friends, but now I had to do a lot more work to improve my team play with the senior players, and to reach their standards. So I started gym work and swimming for fitness, plus practicing one or two hours every night with a soccer ball."

It all paid off for Opasinas in that first match, against JUST.

He had to wait three weeks for his second game, however. It was against fierce rival Heidelberg-Alexander and coach Orlerton asked Opasinas to mark Hel-



delberg's star midfielder Jim Campbell.

He did such a good job on Campbell, that Opasinas became a marking specialist. In the ensuing weeks, he shadowed John Nyskohus (Adelaide City), Charlie Egan (SM-Trials), Zdravko Lujic (JUST), Graham Jennings (Olympic) and Phil O'Connor (Wollongong).

"My hardest task was trying to mark O'Connor," he says. "It was a nightmare."

"The guy moves so well with the ball, and you don't know what he'll do next. I kept close most of the time but he still managed to score from a corner."

"He sure was a tough opponent, but a real gentleman on the field, which is more than I can say about Charlie Egan. He abused me all through the game but I could understand it in a way because he was in the running to be league top scorer."

"With the exception of O'Connor, none of the players I marked managed to score,

Con Opasinas, Makedonia's star-tamer

• Makedonia's marking maestro Con Opasinas (right) heading for a fall and below, doing what he does best — beating his opponent in a race to the ball.

which really pleased Peter Orlerton because we were gaining more and more points.

"We lost only one game, against St George at home, in the last 12 games."

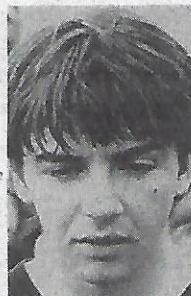
"Playing right back or as a marker was difficult at first because I was used to playing as an attacking midfielder but it didn't really worry me where I played, so long as I was getting a game."

"My biggest disappointment was not making the Australian youth squad. Anyway, my aim now is to become a regular member of Makedonia's senior side and I really believe we will be contenders for the 1983 championship."

"Playing soccer has put pressure on my personal life — particularly my studies. I was doing a course in sales and marketing but I gave it up for a year because of the time I had to put into soccer on and off the field."

"It will be all worthwhile next year. We'll be the team to beat. The club is one of the

strongest in the league, with licenced social premises and sound administration, and a top coach in Peter Orlerton. With all the plans the club has, we've got a real chance to be one of the best teams in the country."



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Debenham shows 'em

PSL reject Nigel Debenham proved a major factor in Mount Wellington's league and cup double in New Zealand this season.

In May, 1980, 20-year-old Debenham, already a full Kiwi international, crossed the Tasman to trial with Marconi. Unfortunately he failed to make an impression at Bossley Park and was equally unlucky with other Sydney clubs.

Eventually, the midfielder moved north and enjoyed degree of success with Edgeworth and Weston Bears in the Northern NSW State League.

At one stage Alan Vest was reported to be contemplating drafting Debenham into his Newcastle KB United squad, however nothing came of this and the young player decided to return home.

He immediately gained a place in Mount Wellington's Rothman's League side and his prompting from midfield gave extra dimension to a side which swept the domestic soccer board.

Many people confidently predict that the London born linkman will soon be returning to Australia — as a member of New Zealand's national team.



Mendo Ristovski



Frank Micic



Anton Dosen

Some of the biggest names in Australian soccer will play their own version of Yugoslavia's traditional Hajduk v Partizan clash at Elwood at 2pm on November 7.

"Hajduk" will be represented by Frank Micic, Branko Buljevic, Andy and Sandor Kazi, Mike Kupinic, Anton Dosen and Mendo Ristovski among others.

"Partizan" will include Zdravko Lujic, Igor Hazabent and Milan Kojic.

These and other star players will be seen playing in the colors of the clubs they supported back home during a tournament between the "big four": Hajduk, Red Star, Partizan and Dinamo.

Sveto Radovanov of Dunav Butchers will donate meat for a barbecue after the match on November 7 and also is the major sponsor of the four-team tournament.

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Hajduk v Partizan, big stars on show

Robertson sparks KB

Little Stuart Robertson was a vital element in Newcastle KB United's late surge to PSL respectability.

By PAUL MOON

Despite long periods in the reserves, the Scot drew plenty of attention and seemed to have gained his big break when first division West Bromwich Albion secured him for a trial period in February of this year.

Unfortunately Robertson was returned to Lancashire after less than a month and almost immediately agreed terms with modest Exeter City.

Although his time with

Burnley coincided with one of the poorest in the club's history, he had the opportunity to play alongside internationals Leighton James, Tony Morley, Billy Hamilton, Tom Cassidy and Martin Dobson.

Robertson was to make just six appearances for Exeter before the club's financial plight necessitated a free transfer.

In Northern New South Wales, Robertson has immediately made a mark. Only 23 on September 29, the diminutive (5'4"), lively linkman is the ideal player around whom to build a team.

VSF BOMBS ON COSMOS

The Victorian Soccer Federation is believed to have lost between \$10,000 and \$20,000 on its match against the New York Cosmos.

The weather probably contributed to the relatively low crowd of about 12,000. It rained all day on the Saturday and in the morning on the Sunday of the game.

Although the match was a failure financially, the promotion was worth thousands of dollars to soccer. Press, television and radio gave the game and the Cosmos blanket exposure.

Unfortunately, such publicity could not be given to the Victorian players because of the decision not to name the team until just before the game.

The VSF has had many dazzling financial successes on tours on the past, so this one should be seen as only a temporary setback.

— LAURIE SCWAB.

England v. Scotland and then a Knox World Cup

"England" will play against "Scotland" and Egan Lee Reserve, Knox, (Vic) at 3pm on Saturday.

The England team will include: Peter Pelerton, Jim Wylie, Mike

Edwards, Willie Coulson, Nick Lowe, Geoff Gerrish, John Howarth and Chris Livsey.

Scotland's team will be graced by Joe Tront, David Nelson, Rob Nelson, Jimmy Rooney, Duncan Smith, Norrie Peto, Bill Whiteside and Derek Lea among others.

Knox also is planning to run a mini "World Cup" next year, made up of teams representing the various nations.

Those interested should ring Tony Kennedy on 763 7542.

Frankston United was formed on November 8, 1981, by founder Dennis Middlemiss who had already formed and established clubs Gascor City and Scoresby United.

A new amateur club was needed to be established in the Frankston byside and Dennis had set about forming one.

Frankston United was admitted into the newly-created Second Division in the Bayside Soccer League.

The new Bayside team adopted the colors of the Australian national team, namely bottle green and gold and also borrowed the Kangaroo as its emblem.

Early competitions tested the new club and a second last in the Monash University seven-a-side competition did not cloud the Bayside Kangaroos' enthusiasm.

A third placing in the Hastings six-a-side competition encouraged the Frankston United team for the oncoming season.

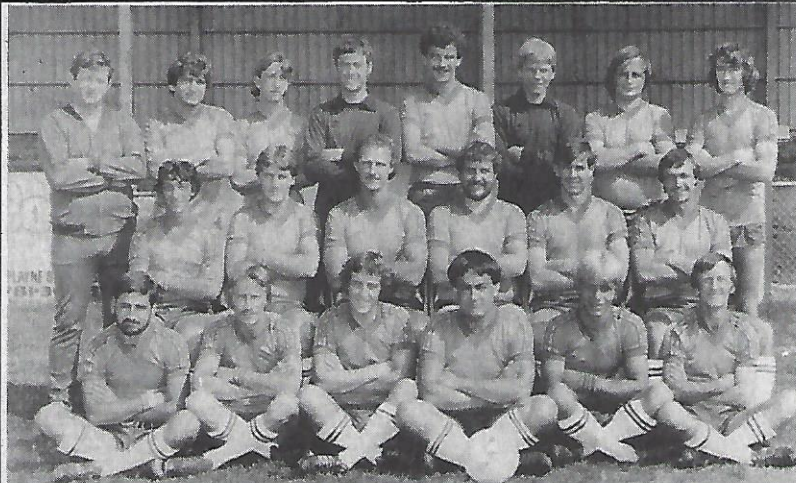
The club was most fortunate in securing the services of Barry Rosse, ex-Frankston Pines player, as the team's coach.

Frankston United missed out on the championship by two points and was eventual runner-up to Cranbourne in what had been a see-sawing competition all year. The club now looks forward to its promotion to division one of the Bayside Soccer League in 1983.

Photo by Bernie Griffiths:
Back row — Col Lindorff (club president); Dan Susic (ex-Canberra Croatia); Peter Motherwell (ex-Frankston Technical); David Bates (ex-Navy); Guy Congdon (ex-Bendigo); Philip Schloss (ex-Parkbourne Lions); John Cavill (ex-VicRail); Phillip Asplin (ex-Kingslynn England); Middle row — Andrew Yerolemou (ex-Frankston Pines);

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nes): Jens Koerner (ex-Parkbourne Lions); Barry Ross, capt. coach (ex-Frankston Pines); Stephen Chilman, assist coach (ex-Parkbourne Lions); Stephen

Alchin (ex-Shepparton City); Tony Wells (ex-Frankston City); Front row — Fred Cansilleris (ex-Moorabbin); Bjorn Koerner (ex-Monbulk High); Scott Har-

ding (ex-Moorabbin); Dennis Middlemiss, specialist coach (ex-Botany Park); Brad Schloss (ex-Parkbourne Lions) and Nigel Findlay (ex-Parkmore Lions); Missing — Nick Panopoulos (Navy); and John Berry (Canberra Duntroon).

Villiers to lead FA Cup tour

Peter Caplan's Australian Sports Tour is organising an FA Cup final and England v Scotland tour next May-June.

The tour will be led by soccer commentator Fred Villiers.

Ironically, Peter Caplan has a background not in soccer, but in Australian Rules.

He coached various teams in the Latrobe Valley, including schoolboy State champions in 1968, 69 and 71. Kelvin Templeton of Footscray and Geoff

Raines of Richmond are among those who played under Caplan.

But Caplan has switched his interest to soccer and his favorite teams are West Ham and Spurs.

Features of the Villiers tour:

- Guaranteed reserved seats for the English F.A. Cup final (Saturday, May 21) and England vs. Scotland (June 1) at Wembley. (Optional: England vs. Wales, May 24).
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Celtic club meets

The Melbourne branch of the Glasgow Celtic Supporters Club will hold a get together at Brighton boxing club, rear of 123 Church Street, Brighton (next to Middle Brighton railway station) on Monday, November 1.

The night starts at 7.30pm and videos of Celtic matches will be shown.

There also will be a boxing exhibition and a Calcutta (Melbourne Cup draw).

The main attraction will be the golden voice of Mr Frank Conway who just has returned from an extensive tour of Armadale and Elwood. All types of refreshments will be on sale.

So come on members, it's a holiday the following day. Grab your wife, your girlfriend or both and bring them along. It promises to be a great night.



Rovers — last match!

Altona Rovers, formerly the Colyer Watson Soccer Club, have risen from fourth division in the Industrial Soccer League to become division one premiers this year.

The club became league ladder leader on percentage, after heading the ladder by three or four points for most of the season.

But the final result was decided in the Rovers' last match, against Clifton Hill. Rovers had to win the match to beat last year's champions, Ansett, on percentage.

Rovers and Ansett had equal points with one match each remaining. But the Rovers led on percentage by one goal.

That goal was a vital one because Rovers and Ansett both won their final matches 5-2.

Altona wasted no time in its desperate fight against Clifton Hill. The Rovers scored their first two goals in the opening 20 minutes of play. Clifton Hill were quick to reply.

Rovers had a handy 3-1 lead at half-time but Clifton Hill bounced back to make the score 3-2.

The Rovers went on with the job, kicking two more goals to seal the match and premiership.

They played under their new name this season for the first time.

The Rovers celebrated their victory at the Williams Town Hall on Saturday night.

The victorious Rovers are from left: (back row) C. Spiteri (first aid), C. Mamo, M. Calleja, H. Vella, P. Warrenner, D. Neupert, B. Sevente, M. Axiak, (centre) A. Zammit (secretary), A. Marmara (asst coach), C. Farrugia (team manager), D. Spiteri, C. Xerri, M. Davie, G. Demirel, G. Bundy, J. Magri, J. Saliba (vice-president), P. Nelson (coach); (front) A. Dimech (president), J. Gherada (treasurer), J. Falzon, D. Farrugia, B. Hill, C. Covelli, J. Christoff, J. Cachia (asst secretary).

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Bobby McLachlan chats with Morwell Falcons president Don DiFabrizio: a pointer to where McLachlan will be coaching in 1983? So rumor has it, but McLachlan also has had an offer to return to the PSL with Footscray JUST.

a young star from jail in Disneyland

Before you start picking good players and good coaches you need to pick a good administration to have any chance of being successful.

That's been the real success of Green Gully — the administration. Guy Spiteri is a doer, not a talker. He's not a collar and tie man. Honesty is his greatest virtue.

Arnold Langer is so good at his job that he also is the VSF treasurer. Take it from me, you think twice about going up to Arnold and asking him for money. And that's the way it should be. The money is hard come by and it's important that he spends it wisely. You know, you might be owed money by Arnold and you wonder whether or not you should go up to him and ask for it. You usually drum up enough courage so you go up to Arnold and ask, very politely mind you, for the money. Arnold gives you one of these stares that he's renowned for. He puts his hands on his hips. He doesn't say anything, just looks to one side then the other. Then he says okay. You walk away thinking you've scored some sort of victory when all that you've won is what you deserved. I'm sure I've seen Arnold in one of these World War Two movies. I think he was wearing a wee black moustache at the time. It's treasurers who buy players drinks all the time and walk about with big grins on their faces who court disaster.

MACKENZIE: Okay, you've been fortunate to work under guys like Spiteri and Langer but who are the administrators you've got no time for?

MCLACHLAN: I'm not about to get into the business of naming names. Let's say that what troubles most clubs is the fact that they've got three committees.

First, there's the previous year's committee who have just been kicked out and are jealous of the second group, the present committee. The third committee is next year's committee who are waiting in the wings and stabbing the present committee in the back every chance they get. That's the big downfall of the administration of the game here at club level.

MACKENZIE: Let's talk about the Press. I often sit back and think about that phrase, "the power of the press". I wonder if some people might give the Press some sort of God-like respect that, in my opinion, it certainly doesn't deserve. Do we elevate the Press to an unrealistic, exalted position?

MCLACHLAN: The Press is very important. In fact, contrary to what you think I think that there are a lot of people who don't realise the importance of the press. That's not the case with Green Gully. As a club it always will be in the public eye. It received which gave it a national identity.

When something appears in the Press, whether right or wrong, it's there in black and white. You can read things that come across in such a way that you know that the guy who is writing it got paid by a club to say that. I think you know what I'm referring to.

Other times you read something and you just know that the writer, whether you think he's right or wrong, is sincere.

What the Press says about someone gives others a chance to form an opinion. Take yourself for instance. You gave Doveton's John Dowie and Ian Striron very good publicity. Whether it's justified or not PSL ad-

AJAX HAS LOST THE JOY OF WINNING, SAYS TOP COACH OF 1982

Administrators and coaches will read it and become interested in at least finding out whether what you said was accurate and whether they should seriously consider signing one or both of them. The converse is true too. Often newcomers come here with a big reputation only to get slammed by the Press. Obviously that influences clubs who may have been interested in signing them.

You see, so many people only can go on what they read. A lot of PSL people can watch only their own team. They haven't got much time to go and watch State League games. Look at the good publicity Charlie Egan got with Frankston last year. That was what started South Melbourne's interest in him and look at him now. Hellas didn't know this time last year that Charlie could score 20 goals in the PSL. Now people talk about spending \$20,000 on him.

It's laughable to think that Hellas and Sydney City saw fit to be suitably impressed by Peter Lewis after his game for Victoria against New York Cosmos. People in Sydney wouldn't know that he's the best right back in Australia. These so-called experts think that Rob Wheatley is the best right back.

When people from Sydney talk to me they often say: "That guy who plays for you, Bobby, the one who scores all the goals. Yes, Paul Lewis. Is he as good as they say he is in the papers?"

That's the power of the Press.

MACKENZIE: If you realise how important the Press is, do you deliberately set out to manipulate journalists for your own ends?

MCLACHLAN: Look Craig, if you and me get on well together, it's because we get on as people not as a journalist interviewing a coach. I'm just being myself. I'm not going out of my way to be anything different.

People often talk about image when they talk about a coach. As far as I'm concerned a coach can dress like a hobo and get no publicity at all as long as he gets results. That's the first consideration. What's the good of looking the part if you coach a losing team?

Don't get me wrong. I don't dress, shall we say, like a hobo. In fact, my peculiar dress sense seems to be a constant source of amusement to my players. You see, I've got these different jackets that I like to wear. My newest one is in stripes. The players are having a whip around to buy me one of those funny hats to go with the jacket when I go boating down the Yarra on a pleasant Sunday morning.

MACKENZIE: With Guy and Arnold, discussing whether you'll stay with Green Gully for the 1990 season?

MCLACHLAN: No, with John Gardiner, wondering where we'll both go next year.

MACKENZIE: Were you disappointed at not being offered the South Melbourne Hellas job?

MCLACHLAN: I don't honestly know whether or not I would have taken the job if it had been offered to me.

I read in a paper last week that I had been one of the losing applicants for the job. That annoyed me. Let's set the facts straight.

Hellas approached me. Before Sam Papasavas went overseas on holiday he said that he'd get in touch with me when he returned. I ended up having an interview with the committee on a Thursday morning a few weeks ago. In many ways the Hellas committee is no different to Green Gully's committee. The same sort of questions were bandied about. Anyway, one of the committeemen rang me to tell me that Rale Rasic had been appointed. I said fine. Hellas had made an excellent choice. I'm sure that Rasic can pick the club up and that it can have a successful season.

MACKENZIE: Had you been offered the Hellas job and accepted, would that have been the biggest problem you would have faced?

MCLACHLAN: Perhaps the administration at the club. Maybe that's been a big of the downfall of Hellas in recent times. In some ways maybe the club is too generous to the players. Don't get me wrong. I'm not blaming the players but I've got the feeling that some players there didn't give value for money. But if that's the case then you look at the coach first, for not getting the best out of the players. Next you look at the administration for letting it happen.

MACKENZIE: Let's move on to the coaching area. You gained your senior coaching badge this year. What do you see as the value of the coaching course scheme?

MCLACHLAN: Yes, that's right. I got my senior badge only this year. I don't know what I was doing when I was with Gully last year and we won the league, the Ampol Cup and the Dockerty Cup. Maybe you couldn't call me a coach then because I didn't know the handbook back to front and upside down.

Seriously though, the coaching scheme is very good. There's possibly a lot to be learnt but it's not necessary to have a badge to be a coach. I know plenty of people who have been through the courses and know the handbook from cover to cover but they can't stand up in front of 11 adults and get their points across.

I picked up a lot by doing the courses but I'm still

my own man. I don't say just because it's written on page 49 that player "A" must make a 30 degree diagonal run that's the way it must be done.

Manipulation of your squad — that's the most important thing. Being able to get the best out of every individual.

I teach graphic communications at Caulfield Technical School and I see many teachers who are great in exams and have degrees as long as your arm. But put them in front of a class and they're hopeless. The converse is true too. Plenty of teachers aren't great at paper work but they're great teachers. They can get their points across.

Being able to command respect is very important to coaching.

You see, the coaching book doesn't tell you what to do whenever a player doesn't like you. A coach has to be a peacemaker, resident psychologist, diplomat, trainer, manager and publicity officer among many other roles.

I remember an incident that took place in Disneyland when I was in charge of the Australian under-18 side touring America in 1978. We were due to leave for Australia in a few hours' time when this player comes up to me and says, all agitated: "Bobby, can you come here for a minute?" You obligate, only to find two policemen ready to throw the lad into jail because he's been caught stealing. The lad is all upset, ready to burst into tears. What do you do? You can't say hang on a minute while you go and consult the handbook. So you put your arm around one of the policemen and you start to talk to him. You spend about 45 minutes reasoning with him and he finally says okay, forget about it. You feel by this time that it's you who's being the thief and the policeman is letting you off lightly. You breathe a sigh of relief but at the same time you could grab the lad and give him a real hiding but you don't do that. You see, it's things like that that you can't learn on coaching courses.

I also had to face the case of a player's wife leaving him on the morning of a match. What do you say to the player before he goes onto the field? And when you see him running around in a trance how do you cope with the situation and motivate him? He knows that at the end of the afternoon he's going to go home and there's not going to be a wife there to greet him.

MACKENZIE: You really take things to heart, don't you?

MCLACHLAN: Of course I do but that's what kind of person I am. I can't be one of these cold, calculating types who treat players like lumps of meat to be bought and sold when the time is right. Sure, I've brought a lot of players to Gully and I've let a lot of players go but never without a lot of feeling for the players involved.

MACKENZIE: Alright, let's get back to your future. Now come on Bobby, where are you going to go next year?

MCLACHLAN: Look, I honestly don't know. And how could I name a club even if there was one to name, when I've still got the Dockerty Cup to look forward to with Gully? If I said this club or that to you now my heart wouldn't be in the Gully job.

I want to be able to leave Gully and have people talking about what we did in the few years I've been there. I don't want things to turn sour.

I want to be able to go back to the club as an opposition coach and meet all my friends on the same terms we enjoy now. That's how I always want it to be.

Press Awards

27. Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg-Mandor).
24. Steve Blair (South Melbourne-Hellas).
14. Fabio Incantalupo (Juventus).
COACH OF THE YEAR:
10. Bobby McLachlan (Ajax).
10. Len McKendry (Heidelberg-Mandor).
5. Peter Ollerton (Preston-Makedonia).
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13. Chris Bambridge.
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Charlie YANKOS (Heidelberg)	Jim CAMPBELL (Heidelberg)	Stefan MILA (Polonia)	
Zoran ILIOSKI (J.U.S.T.)	Fabio INCANTALUPO (Juventus)	Charlie EGAN (SM-Hellas)	Doug BROWN (Makedonia)

Substitutes: Paul Lewis (Ajax), Alan Davidson (Hellas), Dennis Boland (J.U.S.T.), Slobodan Jovanovic (J.U.S.T.).

Vince from Big John

MACKENZIE: would take for soccer to be able to fill the MCG.
"I took a couple of steps back and looked at the guy," said Dimtsis.
"Then I asked him how many years he was going to give me — three years or five?"
Have a go ya mug, boots and all! Bravo Big John!
This cavalier approach to the "war" in Melbourne between Australian Rules and Soccer is commendable stuff. We'll beat the bastards (in three years or five).
We're going just fine. Okay, so there only were 250 people at Green Gully Reserve for two of the quarter-finals of the 1982 Dockerty Cup. About 500 were at the other quarter-finals at Olympic Park.
I can't wait to go to the 1983 and 1984 Dockerty Cup finals.
If Big John's reckoning is correct we



The winners of the Press awards, from left, standing: Chris Bambridge (top referee), Charlie Yankos (best under 21 player), Paul Lewis (top State League scorer). Front: Bobby McLachlan (coach of the year), Peter Lewis (Bill Fleming Medalist), Jim Campbell (Victoria's top under 21 player).

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Johnston too proud to stay with Liverpool

Craig Johnston, the Australian lad who hit the big time in British soccer, wants to stay with English champions Liverpool even though he has asked for a transfer.

"My heart belongs to Liverpool," Johnston said.

"But I have my pride — that's why I believe I have to move to another club."

Johnston was signed by Liverpool for a record \$1.17 million from Middlesbrough months ago when the 22-year-old midfielder had the choice of a host of other clubs including Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur.

"I can't see eye to eye with manager Bob Paisley," Johnston said.

"I feel I'm being played in the wrong position. The boss wants to use me as a forward but I feel I am more value in the midfield."

The talented Australian who comes from Newcastle, New South Wales, said he had been in the Liverpool line-up in the past 31 competitive games — but this season he has spent a lot of time on the reserves bench.

"My transfer request is not as drastic as people are making out... It's just a matter of my pride," he said. "I don't feel I'm getting a fair go."

"Liverpool is the best club in Europe, probably the world... and the lads are all great. I've got some great mates here."

There are a number of clubs already lining up to sign Johnston since his shock announcement last week.

Among them are Nottingham Forest, West Bromwich, Albion, Sunderland and Second Division Newcastle.

Newcastle is perhaps best known for its signing this season of another Liverpool great, Kevin Keegan, the former English skipper.

Johnston signed with Liverpool soon after Keegan left, and the Liverpool fans noticed the similarities — hair-style, build, and natural footballing flair — almost immediately.

And what of the prospect of playing with Keegan at Newcastle?

"That'd be great... and of course I have another Liverpool mate, Terry McDermott, playing there as well," Johnston said.

"But I don't care which club I play for. I am prepared to travel — France, Italy, anywhere."

Australia was not a possibility for at least 10 years, Johnston added.

"I would love to go back to Australia tomorrow but they can't afford me," he added. "I'm not being big-headed, just realistic."

"I love Australia, I'm an Aussie... but I'm also a professional footballer. It could be 10 years before I play again in Australia."

Johnston added a lighter moment, offering his services to the Australian Rugby League currently touring Britain.

"I went and watched them play last week against Wigan and there are some big boys among that kangaroos' team," Johnston said.

"I wouldn't mind having a few of them playing for Liverpool."

"But now I'm on the market, you can tell their coach... what's his name... Frank Stanton... that I'm available for the right price as long as I can play on the wing and don't have to do any of that tackling business."

Tony Labbozzetta: soccer is his life



Alex Vesic
Marconi Soccer Club has fallen on lean times.
Its magnificent edifice at Bossley Park stands in a rural setting as a memorial to those magnificent days of being equal first in the inaugural FSL championships in 1977, then fourth, only three points behind the winner in 1978, before scooping all the awards in 1979.

The 1980 season, despite its Phillips Cup win, Marconi will remember as the first year of its decline as the team slipped to fourth place on the League table all of six points behind the eventual winner, West Adelaide.

The following year was the worst in the club's history in the National League. Not only did the side finish third from the bottom but it had the unenviable record of carrying negative goal difference not only away from home but also at Marconi Stadium.

And all of that with stars like Krncevic, Sharne, Herson, Jankovic, Maher, Prskalo, Byrne, Degney... It was difficult to believe that a talented coach like Blanco and almost the full Australian national side could not master more than a miserable 13th place in the league.

Then came 1982 and with its wholesale changes at the club. Not only did Marconi lose a number of stars, including Krncevic (to Dinamo Zagreb) and Peter Sharne (Hong Kong), but the changes hit the boardroom as well as coaching staff.

Tony Labbozzetta stepped down, certainly not of his own will, as did last year's coach Raul Blanco. Club's secretary-manager, Michael Urukalo also was given the "red card" and the backbone of the club's soccer activities suffered in the process.

While one can hardly suggest that the purchase of Domagoj Kapetovic was a mistake it was difficult to explain the wholesale changes at the top of Marconi's administration — particularly the removal of Tony Labbozzetta, without doubt one of the most capable administrators in the game.

As one looks through the history of Marconi's success the name of Labbozzetta appears closely linked.

Born in Sinipoli, Calabria, some 40 years ago, Tony arrived in Australia at the age of 14 and like most Italian children took tremendous interest in soccer.

His association with Marconi is linked with the very first real success at the club. With Les Scheinflug as coach in 1969 and Labbozzetta after a fairly successful six years in the State League, the team was included in the PSL, with Labbozzetta becoming Marconi's president.

It was also the year (1977) when the soccer club became part of the social club, a move engineered by Tony and certainly the one which contributed largely to the success story of the soccer club.

"We had a good team," said Tony recently, "there was always some disharmony and small pits of disappointment along the way, but the team at the top — and I mean administrators and directors — were willing workers and in due course I was given a lot of room in which to move. That was only part of the overall picture — to have a happy family, with soccer success as the ultimate aim."

Years of success were followed by some bumpy times in the last few years. It appears that a number of people at

Marconi had short memories since Labbozzetta was dismissed for backing up an unsuccessful coach.

"How often do you back a loser?" said Tony to my remark about hiring Raul Blanco. "He was a gentleman with great knowledge of the game and also some fine success as a soccer coach with Melita Eagles. I felt that a number of our star players let him down, which of course greatly contributed to our poor record and subsequent 13th place in the league. I was obliged to support the coach and help him, since that is the motto of a successful club — not as a number of our people suggested, kick him out and replace him with someone more competent."

"It is difficult to explain to some people that in each person's life there is a low ebb. Success, therefore, is followed by some disappointment and vice versa. I am sure Marconi will be back on the rails of success, but only if the present hierarchy adopts the attitude of creating success through a slow but sure process of elimination of faulty cogs, replacing them with skilful and competent administrators."

It is difficult to assess who is competent and who is not, I tried to nudge Tony.

"Why?" Tony sounded surprised. "If you want to have a lawyer, you ask for one, and if you want a tennis player, don't go to a poolroom," he snapped.

"It is imperative to learn the basics of successful control of a soccer club. To be able to go forward, not just at Marconi, but overall in this great game, we must ask ourselves — do we have qualified leadership and competent staff to work with the players at our disposal?"

But do we have standards by which we can gauge and ascertain the grade of skill of qualified people and could we retain a system of grading? Who should be the one, using his experience, to advise and also execute control over the club's operation? —

Tony was firing on all cylinders.

Instead of all this, what does happen in reality? You lose, you are no good mister, you get skittled and what hurts is the fact those who are in leadership following this type of execution, believe that the bug has been eliminated."

It was at this point that I wanted to know if Tony had an idea on how to form an administrative and technical body which could cope with the demands of modern soccer. After all, as Tony suggested, heaps of money have been paid by the club on getting the points to get to the top.

"Sadly, almost no money has been used to achieve long-term success. It is imperative to form a framework for the establishment of skilled administration through systematic planning, and then in the case of Marconi, eliminate the differences in basis operations between the social and soccer clubs."

Tony had a fairly busy year

with his own estate agency in Fairfield and was involved with the running of the PSL as the vice president of the League.

The National League was created for the benefit of soccer in Australia and not for the egotistical satisfaction of those who feel that they "know". I will always attempt to help, be it at club level or national level, because I firmly believe that the game can prosper," Tony said.

Tony's "better half", wife Maria, is a part of the Marconi club, always seated in the

stands hoping Marconi scores. Apart from that, she keeps out of the way, allowing Tony to do his thing in soccer. Does that, as well as the fact that the Labbozzetta children see their papa less, put an added stress on the Labbozzetta family?

"Well, I forgive him, and so do the children. He does spend excessive hours in soccer, but that is what he enjoys doing. He is a loving father and a good husband. What else can you wish for?" said Mrs Labbozzetta recently.

Attilio Luis' eight-year-old son is always at soccer, but so is Filomena, Luis' 12-year-old daughter.

Pirie pipped Cairney for top scorer honor

By PAUL MOON

Joe Cairney's indifferent early season form must have caused Brisbane City fans a great deal of consternation, as the striker came to Queensland with considerable prestige gained during five seasons of Scottish League soccer.

Cairney joined Airdrieonians from Wishaw Juniors of the Central Regional League in March 1976, too late for the "Diamonds" Scottish League programme, but in sufficient time to participate in the Spring Cup.

The Spring Cup had been devised by Scotland's football authorities to be contested by league teams outside of the premier Division. It was doomed to failure.

Without the country's top clubs participating, the cup generated little but apathy, attracted meagre crowds and was dropped after just a single year. However, it gave Cairney some of his finest moments in the game, as he scored five goals for a team which carried off the trophy in great style.

Four months later Cairney commemorated his first Scottish league game by scoring twice at Queen of the South, but unfortunately his work rate failed to satisfy manager Jack Stewart and during the season he made 24 appearances, but only remained on the pitch for the full 90 minutes on 10 occasions.

When finally given a prolonged run, the tall striker responded in magnificent style and finished the 1977-78 season as the First Division's second highest scorer with 22, being pipped by Dundee's Bill Pirie, later of APIA Leichhardt, for the title of top goalscorer.

Airdrie finished an unimpressive 10th in the table, despite Cairney's goalscoring feats. Not unnaturally he was eager to join a club which offered better prospects of gaining honors.

Kilmarnock was in the process of building an exciting young combination and saw the Airdrie striker as an ideal spearhead. He was duly signed.

The newcomer scored three goals in his first five games, but from then on failed to recapture the previous year's proficiency.

"Killer" looked to be no more than a middle of the ladder team until Ian Gibson, now with Inverness City, joined in November 1978 and immediately revitalised the Ayrshire club.

Winning 17 of the final 22 games, it swept into second place and claimed a place in Premier Division.

Life in the highest sphere of Scottish domestic soccer wasn't as fruitful for Cairney, but still he picked up vital goals. Two were scored during a prolonged League Cup run, while another gained a rare victory over Glasgow Rangers.

Unfortunately Kilmarnock was experiencing internal problems. The part time players gained scant reward for their efforts on a Saturday afternoon. This led to a players' revolt and, although a strike was averted, resentment smouldered throughout the 1980-81 season.

Amid this atmosphere it was little wonder that results were abysmal and Kilmarnock was doomed to relegation from the outset.

Cairney, who made just five lethargic appearances, was released in May last year. This signalled the end of a Scottish League career that boasted 108 games and 41 goals.

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Peter Wisniewski was most improved, and Henry Czerniecki best clubman.

In the Premier reserve team, young goalkeeper Robbie Kotega received the best and fairest award from defender Peter Borucinski and forward Joe Palatsides.

Most consistent was George Jarecki, and top goalscorer was Marian Adamcewicz.

Best clubman award went to Tommy Zombola.

Under 15s best and fairest: Paul Busatti, runner-up: Henry Delebasic, most consistent: Raymond Osvisto; top goalscorer: Richard Wisniewski. Under 12s best and fairest: Henry Blichasz; runners-up: Shane Maschewski and Mark Sady; top goalscorer: Mark Sady, coaches' award — Peter Rados. Under 11s best and fairest: Jason Koliba, runner-up: Dragan Aralica; top goalscorer: Steven Kiselis and coaches' award: Gavin Olinowski.

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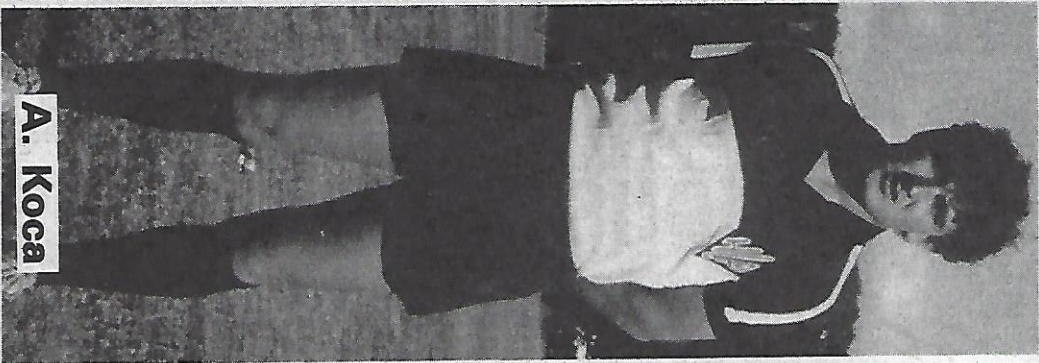
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MISSING: I. Mirak (George Green, 1982); M. Adetope (Player-coach).

Holland Park covered itself in glory in its inaugural year in Victoria's Provisional League, winning the Fourth Division championship and reaching the final of the Provisional League Cup only to be beaten by First Division champion, Rosanna. The Turkish sponsored club was founded in Mr Ozaoy (president), Abdullah Saglam (club manager) and Mr Adetope (coach), who is a former Turkish youth international. The financial power of the club never was better illustrated than its now customary stay in leading Melbourne hotels prior to a big match. Indeed, combine a sound financial base with the quality of Holland Park's players and the club's large support and you could have the ingredients for success in Metro ranks, where Holland Park hopes to be in 1983.



SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

Polish boss reinstated, Germans jailed, Villa awaits opponent

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Poland had a change of heart over World Cup boss Antoni Piechniczek. Forced to quit after pressure from the players, he has been reinstated and led the Poles to their recent 4-0 win over France.

Icelandic Johannes Edvaldsson who was a first team regular for Celtic several years ago but was freed two seasons ago and has since played in Germany and USA, is back in Scotland in the centre of Motherwell's defence. Edvaldsson was in the Celtic side in Australia when it won a four-team international tournament in 1977.

Hib's striker Bobby Thomson is building up a Willie Johnston track record. Thomson was sent off six times while with Morton, then once with Middleborough and recently got his first early shower with the Edinburgh club.

Just how highly West Germany rated its under 21 European Championship match with England was shown by the fact it withdrew Cologne's young Pierre Littbarski and Tomas Altfelt and Kaiserlautern's Stefan Engels from its list of probabilities, which met England at Wembley. But 3-1 down in the first leg, Germany's 3-2 in Bremen wasn't good enough.

Colin Jackson, the long serving Rangers defender who represented Scotland several times, is now down the Clyde with Morton.

Bada Rudwaleit, the East German goalkeeper against Scotland in the European Championship, plays for Dynamo Berlin and stands 6ft 6in tall.

East Germany's manager is Dr Rudolf Krause, 55, a doctor of law. Krause succeeded Gerd Buschner who reigned as boss for 11 years but quit when the team failed to qualify for the last World Cup finals.

Striker Joachim Streich, ex-Hansa Rostock, chalked up his 90th international cap for East Germany when it played Scotland in the European Championship. When Rostock was relegated a couple of years ago the East German F.A. ordered him to be transferred to Magdeburg, not wishing to have the star striker languishing in the Second Division.

East Germany lost three of its top internationalists from Dynamo Dresden — Gerd Weber, Matthias

Mueller and Joachim Kote. The trio were travelling abroad to play a club match when they were arrested at East Berlin airport on suspicion of possible defection. When searched they were all found to have large sums of foreign currency in their possession. That was enough. All three were jailed. No one knows where they are. Officially the trio has ceased to exist.

Three years ago Bristol City, then in the First Division, pulled in 28,783 fans at Ashton Gate with Manchester United. And on that day they had 50 turnstiles operating. Last home game in the Fourth Division against York City they could draw only 3800 spectators who were ushered in by 22 part-time men at the gates. Three years ago they had a back-room staff of nearly 100 and their wage bill then was \$26,000 a week. Today backroom staff has been whittled down to 19 and their present wage bill is \$7200 a week.

Less than three months ago Gary Mabbutt's contract with the struggling Third Division side Bristol Rovers ended. He wrote to every First Division club informing them he was available but only Birmingham showed any interest and it had to lay off through a shortage of cash. But Tottenham Hotspur eventually made contact and grabbed the under 21 England striker for \$210,000. Since the start of the season Mabbutt has played in defence, midfield and up front and has been hailed as the best buy of the season. A diabetic, Mabbutt comes from a footballing family. His father Ray, 43, was 13 years with Bristol Rovers while his brother Kevin, who played in the First Division with Bristol City, has for the first time found himself in a lower division than his kid brother. Now a full international cap for England against West Germany makes it a remarkable achievement for Gary Mabbutt who has a big daily intake of diabetic drinks and digestive biscuits.

Joek Stein's decision to dump Kenny Dalgligh, Joe Jordan, Danny McGrain, Asa Hartford and Alan Rough from the Scotland side which played East Germany at Hampden Park in the European Championship virtually means the end of their international appearances with perhaps the exception of Dalgligh. The quintet had previously chalked up 303 Scottish caps between them with Dalgligh Scotland's most capped player ever with 88 appearances.

A sign of things to come from England. Bobby Robson had six coloured players in his England squad for their friendly against West Germany — Anderson (Notts Forest) Hill (Luton) Regis (West Bromwich

Albion) Bessett (Watford) Barnes (Watford) and Chamberlain (Stoke City).

Paul McStay, not yet 18 but a first team Celtic regular and Scotland under 21 player, has already represented Scotland 26 times at schoolboy and youth level.

Dundee United's opponents in the second round of the UEFA Cup, Viking Stavanger, is managed by Englishman Brian Green who had a short stint as Australia's coach some years ago.

Spanish clubs are also feeling the economic pinch. Recently Real Sociedad sold their star player Miguel Alonso to Barcelona for around \$900,000.

Swedish lawyer Fredrik Hultbom said after Southampton soccer stars Steve Moran and Mark Wright had been cleared on the alleged charge of raping a nurse. "I have been making inquiries and believe this unfortunate girl was manipulated," he was Wright's lawyer.

Arsenal, once among the elite of the soccer world and for a long time the most famous British team among foreigners, is in the doldrums. Out of Europe and losing around \$3000 a day through dwindling support, they have slipped down among the basement lot. New signings Tony Woodcock and Lee Chapman who cost nearly a million between them have not solved Terry Neill's many problems.

Gerry Armstrong, the 28-year-old striker and hero of Northern Ireland's World Cup side, is set for talks with Watford manager Graham Taylor after being left on the bench recently. Nottingham Forest are likely to sell striker Peter Ward and midfielder Gary Mills to Seattle Sounders for around \$700,000.

Marcel Raducanu, the Romanian star who defected to the west 18 months ago and joined Borussia Dortmund, is desperately seeking permission for his wife and daughter to join him in West Germany. Raducanu, a striker, has 24 caps for Romania.

Dundee United keeper Hamish McAlpine 34, and in his 17th season with the club, has played in 32 European times. McAlpine gets a testimonial this season when a match against top opposition, big dinner and a pro-am golf tournament will be part of the proceedings. The keeper could also excel at the golf as he is a two handicap player.

Manager John Bond of Manchester City is reported to have fined his son Kevin and deposed Scottish international Asa Hartford a week's wages reputed to be \$1000 each after their send-offs against West Ham.

A Norwich City shareholder has offered to lend the club \$2000 — if another 48 fans do the same.

Micky Droy, the giant Chelsea defender and captain, gets a testimonial this season after giving the Pensioners 12 years service.

The hard-up Welsh F.A. is likely to ask Scotland to play its spring international match at Cardiff on Sunday May 29 to try to boost attendances. Wales's last two home games against Northern Ireland and Norway, played in mid-week, drew fewer than 7000 fans.

Chelsea which revealed a loss of \$1.6 million over the past year's workings, is \$1 million in debt and losing money at the rate of \$2,900 daily. But tough new chairman Ken Bates has pledged it will be the last loss the club makes and players will have to take either less money in the future or none at all.

Southampton boss Larry McLenemey has turned down a lucrative offer to take over top American club Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal have been accused in many circles as the instigators of moves to form a super league from within the First Division which would oust six of the present members. But the big three have little hope of gaining a three quarter majority at the League's AGM should they table such a motion.

Lowly and struggling Birmingham City would like to buy Colchester United's ace striker Kevin Bremner but he can't afford the transfer fee. Bremner, and his brother Des, the Aston Villa midfielder, are both products of Scottish Highland League soccer.

Peter Cormack, the Park Thistle manager, is all set to make a comeback as a player. Cormack, a former Hibs, Nottingham Forest and Liverpool striker of the 70's, must first be cleared by Hibs.

New England manager Bobby Robson isn't allowing the grass to grow under his feet and one of his first priorities is to try to unearth a goalkeeper who will eventually take over from world-class Peter Shilton. Robson, speaking at the Football Writers' Association lunch, made it clear his move is not being disrespectful to Shilton, Ray Clemence, Joe Corrigan or Phil Parkes but said he has to look for a replacement. The former Ipswich Town boss has already talked to the F.A. about his plan and seems likely to get approval to appoint a part-time scout to coach potential England keepers. Front-runner for the post is likely to be former Sheffield United and England goalie Alan Hodgkinson, with Gordon Banks and ex Arsenal and Scotland keeper Bob Wilson other names mentioned.

Albanian team Nentori Tirana scratched from the European Cup rather than meet Russian side Dynamo Kiev in the second round.

Dundee United's 20-year-old Swedish-born South African defender Richard Gough who got homesick and

returned to Johannesburg last winter but returned for the start of the season is now firmly installed in Dundee where he has bought a house. Gough's long-term ambition is to play at full international level for Scotland after being in their under 21 side against East Germany. He is eligible as his father who played for Charlton was born in Glasgow.

Monaco which plays in the French League, is likely to have a new stadium by 1984 and it's hoped that Italy and West Germany will open it with a repeat of their World Cup final.

One of the main reasons for relegated Wolves' success in the Second Division is the brilliant form by keeper John Burridge who cost them a mere \$140,000 earlier in the season after he had starred on a month's loan.

One of the new stars to burst on the Spanish soccer scene is John Lauridsen, a 23-year-old midfielder who joined Espanol early in the year from Esbjerg. Before leaving Denmark Lauridsen was working in a sports shop, picking up mere peanuts from his soccer.

Tottenham Hotspur are making moves to try to get Ossie Ardiles, presently on loan to Paris St Germain back at White Hart Lane by Christmas while Arsenal is hoping that its delayed Yugoslav star Vladimir Petrovic will be trotting out at Highbury before the end of the year.

The Hungarian F.A. is clamping down on unfit referees and recently banned one of its whistlers, Karoly Palotai, for a month after he failed a fitness test.

Aston Villa will collect \$180,000 with all expenses paid for its journey to Tokyo to play the South American Cup holders on December 12. Their opponents won't be known until two or three weeks before the Tokyo tie. Six clubs — Flamengo (Brazil) River Plate (Argentina) Penarol (Uruguay) Olimpia (Paraguay) Tolima (Colombia) and Cobreloa (Chile) are still involved.

Bristol City is to install honesty boxes at its Ashton Gate ground instead of charging spectators at reserve team grounds to save paying gatekeepers.

Seems likely that Ian Gillan, ex lead singer with rock band Deep Purple, will take over ailing Reading Football Club. Gillan wants to follow Elton John of Watford. Biggest gun in Gillan's consortium is the boss of records and entertainment company Virgin Enterprises, Richard Branson. Virgin is worth around \$100 million.

Soccer's cash crisis claimed John Sainty as its latest victim. The first team coach was axed after manager John Bond, the Manchester City manager, was given a choice by the board — either a player or staff member. Irony part of Sainty's sacking was he moved along with John Bond from Norwich to City two years ago despite much pleading by the Canaries Board that he remain at Carrow Road.

Pat Jennings, who scored a hat-trick for West Germany's under 21 in their 3-2 European Championship match the night before in Bremen, came on as sub for West Germany in the final 20 mins of their friendly with England at Wembley. Littbarski notched up his 16th cap.

Yakka Banovic's Derby County is hoping to pull off the sensational signing of Roy McFarland, their former long-serving defender and England international now player-manager of Bradford City, and Ipswich Town and ex-England skipper Mick Mills in a bid to give the side a new look both in playing and management. A group led by Rotherham chairman Alan Johnston expects to get the go-ahead for a \$1 million take-over of Derby which is \$2 million in debt.

The Fourth Division's top striker, Robbie Cooke of Peterborough, has joined Luton Town on a month's trial.

Lincoln City will announce they are \$478,000 in the red when their annual financial report is given out. But that deficit is wiped out through selling their Sincil Bank ground to the Lincoln Council and then hiring it back.

Pint-sized winger Tommy McLean who had a long career with Rangers and represented Scotland many times is now assistant manager to John Greig at Ibrox.

Leicester City's Young Player of the Year in 1981/82, Colin Bell, wants to go to Australia. Presently playing with Hull City on a week-to-week basis Bell is single, 5'10 1/2 tall, is not yet 22 and finished top scorer in Leicester reserves last season. Address is: 8 Windermere Drive, Croft, Leicester. Telephone no. Sutton Elms 282846.

Unusual situation at Bolton where player-manager is John McGovern, the former Nottingham Forest skipper who led them to their two European Cup final wins and several English successes. McGovern reckons he has enough responsibility without being captain of Bolton so he made the long-serving Paul Jones boss on the field. And Jones only signed on again for Bolton this season after originally getting a free transfer.

Torquay United, managed by former Scotland World Cup captain Bruce Riech, are so hard up they have only eight professionals and several part-timers, some of whom play for nothing and three of whom are on the dole.

David McCreery, the former Queens Park Rangers player who was prominent in Northern Ireland's World Cup side, has joined Kevin Keegan at Newcastle United from Tulsa Roughnecks in USA for \$150,000.

Bath, Altrincham wait for chance

Last season it was touch and go. No team dropped out of the Football League with Bristol City, Oxford United, Halifax Town and several others being saved at the last moment by a shot-in-the-arm from millionaires or consortiums etc.

And at the beginning of this season Wolves were saved from extinction only minutes before their death knell deadline.

With barely a quarter of the new season gone massive attendance drops and frightening overdrafts even among some of the elite are sure to bring cries of help long before the season ends and especially from the poverty-stricken clubs in the Third and Fourth Divisions.

But make no mistake, if any league club does fold up there are plenty of non-league clubs who will lobby to any lengths to step into the Fourth Division in 1983.

Here is a list published by the "News of the World" of the leading non-league contenders waiting in the wings and in my reckoning the best prepared and most stable are: Bath City, Altrincham, Scarborough, Boston United, Telford and Weymouth.

ALTRINCHAM: The most polished and successful non-league side for the past two seasons. Operating at a profit. Wage bill 108,000 pounds (inflated because of bonuses from a successful Cup run; they've reached the FA Cup third round for past three seasons). Ground holds 10,000, with 1200 seats. Average attendance expectations in League: 3000. Ground "A" graded, which means good enough for Football League.

BATH: Made loss last year, but many local businessmen are willing to invest if they attain League status. Wage bill: 100,000 pounds. Ground holds 10,000 with 1000 seats, and spokesmen insist it is "better than 95 per cent in the Fourth Division." "A" graded. League gate expectation: 2500.

KETERING: Struggling financially, but confident of doing better if elected to League. Wage bill: 45,000 pounds. Ground holds 12,000, with 23,000 seats. Have magnificent stand and excellent other facilities. Gate expectation: 3000. "A" graded.

MAIDSTONE: Not in profit, but invested heavily in restaurant and multi-sports complex and pub. Wage bill: 65,000 pounds. Ground holds 15,000 with 800 seats, more on way. "A" graded.

SCARBOROUGH: Have been in profit for seven years. Sumptuous new stand that's the envy of all. Ground holds 10,000, with 800 seats. Wage bill: 62,000 pounds. Gate expectation: 3000.

STAFFORD RANGERS: Breaking even. Wage bill: 31,000 pounds. Ground holds 15,000, with 500 seats.

Good catchment area. Gate expectations: 4000. "A" graded.

YEovil: Lost 50,000 pounds last year, but not worried. Wage bill: 90,000 pounds. Ground holds 14,500, with 2100 seats. Excellent facilities. Failed to get into League by only three votes five years ago. Nearest League club 50 miles away. Gate expectation: 5000.

GRAVESEND AND NORTHEALTH: Profit for last three years. Wage bill: 65,000 pounds. Ground holds 12,000, with 1400 seats, covered on three sides. Thriving social centre. Gate expectation: 3000. "B" graded but expecting "A" grade.

BOSTON UNITED: Huge profit of 160,000 pounds last year and have money invested in bank. Magnificent ground and have set-up crying out for League status after spending 500,000 pounds since 1978. Ground holds 15,000, with 2300 seats. Gate expectations: 3000. "B" graded.

WEYMOUTH: Profit of 50,000 pounds and have property assets of 350,000 pounds. Wage bill: 80,000 pounds. Ground holds 8000, with 500 seats. Gate expectation: 1500. "B" graded.

NORTHWICH VICTORIA: Breaking even. Wage bill: 43,000 pounds. Ground holds 14,000 with 660 seats. Catchment area of 120,000. Gate expectation: 3000.

TELFORD: In profit and have 150,000 pounds invested. Wage bill: 70,000 pounds. Ground holds 18,000, with 1200 seats. Plans for new stadium approved by council. Gate expectation: 6000.

BARROW: In profit and a lovely come-back story. Voted out of League to accommodate Hereford in 1972. Risen from ashes and far stronger now. Paid off debts. Wage bill: 65,000 pounds. Ground holds 12,000, with 1200 seats. Built 250,000 sports complex. Gate expectation: 4000.

WORCESTER: In profit last season. Wages bill: 60,000 pounds. Have spent 100,000 on new lights and vice-presidents' club. Ground holds 15,000, with 2000 seats. Lively catchment area. Gate expectation: 3000.

In addition to these clubs, Enfield, Dagenham, Runcorn, Darford and Barnet also have their sights on the Football League.

ENFIELD AND DAGENHAM, in particular, have hugely-profitable clubs to supplement their lotteries and have the cash to enable them to achieve an "A" grading. Their finances are the envy of many League clubs.

Vladislav Cap dies

Vladislav Cap, one of the few men to coach both the great Argentine rivals, Boca Juniors and then River Plate — whom he joined during the summer — has died in Buenos Aires.

SHOULD U.S. BE GIVEN

GATECRASH: CROWDS CUT IN HALF

TELL-TALE TABLE

	Oct 6 1962	Oct 7 1972	Oct 9 1982
Overall att:.....	746,257	609,592	422,689
Overall avg:.....	17,354	13,854	10,064
First Div avg:.....	34,213	30,824	20,775
Second Div avg:.....	16,684	11,462	10,350
Third Div avg:.....	11,106	6,178	4,680
Fourth Div avg:.....	6,308	6,951	3,018

SOCCKER in England has lost almost half its fans in the past 20 years.

That is the startling fact to emerge from a "Daily Star" investigation into Football League attendances over two decades.

● Since 1962, the average Saturday attendance has dropped alarmingly from 17,000 to 10,000.

● In the same period, First Division gates have plummeted from 34,000 to 20,000.

● Overall Football League attendances for Saturday games have slumped from 746,000 to 422,000.

The "Daily Star" decided to take a typical League Saturday as the basis for its research, starting in 1962, and going on to 1972, and this year.

To ensure fairness the paper chose the same week in October for each of the decades when weather conditions were roughly the same.

It found that in 1962 the overall attendance throughout the League was a healthy 746,257. But ten years later it had dropped to 609,592.

In 1982 that figure was well below the half-million mark, with just 422,689 fans turning up.

In every Division, gates have crashed by staggering amounts during the 20-year spell, with the First Division being most severely hit by the slump.

For instance, the 22 First Division games on October 6, 1962, attracted 376,350 fans. By 1972 attendances had dwindled to 339,072.

This time only 228,532 people paid to watch First Division teams in action.

SHOULD the United States be allotted the next World Cup? Colombia won't get it; that is quite clear, despite the fact that we have to wait till December to be officially told.

With Henry Kissinger lobbying away in Spain, with the world's journalists bitterly disenchanted with the intransigence and incompetence of the Spanish organisation, not to mention the police harassment, America can present a strong case.

The more so as, thanks to Havelange and his election pledges for 1974, the competition has swollen into a monstrosity. Like the ghastly Olympic Games, it is becoming an intolerable burden for all but the wealthiest and most evolved countries.

To say that the Americans don't "deserve" it, that they are the most peripheral of soccer nations, one in which the game has never taken root, in which the professional game is struggling desperately to survive, is to tell the truth, but not to present the whole picture.

Your 24 team cyclops of a tournament now demands no fewer than six centres in which to stage the so called first round of this clumsily conceived affair, and even Brazil, the chief claimants for the 1986 competition, might be a little hard put to find them.

The Americans, curiously enough, could probably provide not only the stadium but the crowds; as evidenced by the UNICEF match last August in Giants Stadium, when nearly 77,000 people attended the non-event between Europe and the Rest.

An Italian journalist remarked that without the Italo-Americans the crowd would have been negligible. But the fact is that all over America there are probably enough "ethnics" to support World Cup matches in the big cities, ethnics who wouldn't cross the street to watch a NASL match, but who would know enough (too much?) about the game to be drawn to a game in the World Cup.

That's certainly true about Los Angeles, where the mediocre Aztecs have died the death but the millions of Mexicans and other Latin Americans could surely provide a knowledgeable crowd for games that matter.

Meanwhile, NASL attendances continue to drop. Here's how:

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	Total	Avg
CHICAGO	5,199	4,187	8,035	11,672	12,577	150,033	9,377
EDMONTON			9,923	10,826	10,598	78,745	4,921
FT. LAUDERDALE	8,148	10,475	13,707	14,262	13,324	197,526	12,345
JACKSONVILLE					8,949	114,864	7,180
MONTREAL					23,704	341,123	21,320
NEW YORK	34,142	47,856	46,889	42,804	34,841	458,966	28,747
PORTLAND	13,208	11,803	11,172	10,176	10,561	140,583	8,786
SAN DIEGO		5,323	11,271	12,744	14,802	136,444	8,527
SAN JOSE	17,738	14,281	15,092	13,189	12,242	176,107	11,011
SEATTLE	24,228	22,518	18,909	24,247	18,225	200,830	12,538
TAMPA BAY	19,482	18,123	28,546	28,345	22,531	298,121	18,507
TORONTO	7,336	8,233	11,821	15,040	7,287	130,444	8,152
TULSA		11,270	16,424	19,787	17,198	232,037	14,502
VANCOUVER	11,897	15,736	22,994	28,833	23,081	291,975	18,248

(From "World Soccer")

HOW MUCH DO THEY EARN?

JUST how much do England's league footballers earn? Little over twenty years ago the maximum wage was 20 pounds a week.

Then came the George Eastham case leading to freedom of payment and the country's first 100 pounds-a-week player Johnny Haynes. Here's a breakdown of wages being paid in four divisions up until last season from ("Daily Mirror").

FIRST DIVISION

Over 60,000 pounds a year... Players 2	50,000 to 60,000 pounds..... 5
40,000 to 50,000 pounds..... 11	30,000 to 40,000 pounds..... 38
20,000 to 30,000 pounds..... 118	15,000 to 20,000 pounds..... 86
10,000 to 15,000 pounds..... 102	5,000 to 10,000 pounds..... 143
Less than 5,000 pounds..... 143	

SECOND DIVISION

Over 50,000 pounds a year..... 1	40,000 to 50,000 pounds..... NONE
30,000 to 40,000 pounds..... 2	20,000 to 30,000 pounds..... 37
15,000 to 20,000 pounds..... 69	10,000 to 15,000 pounds..... 155
5,000 to 10,000 pounds..... 210	Less than 5,000 pounds..... 145

THIRD DIVISION

Over 25,000 pounds a year..... 2	20,000 to 25,000 pounds..... 6
15,000 to 20,000 pounds..... 26	10,000 to 15,000 pounds..... 110
5,000 to 10,000 pounds..... 272	Less than 5,000 pounds..... 150

FOURTH DIVISION

Over 15,000 pounds a year..... 1	10,000 to 15,000 pounds..... 35
5,000 to 10,000 pounds..... 300	Less than 5,000 pounds..... 161

What's the betting the over 60,000 pounds players last year were Kevin Keegan and Peter Shilton?

Olympic entrants

Countries so far entered for the olympic soccer tournament:

EUROPE: Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, East Germany, West Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Turkey, Soviet Union, Yugoslavia.

SOUTH AMERICA: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela.

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA, CARIBBEAN: Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Antilles, El Salvador, Trinidad-Tobago, United States.

ASIA: Bahrain, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Malaysia, Philip-

pines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates.

AFRICA: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Libya, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

OCEANIA: New Zealand, Papua New Guinea.

U.K. managers

All the English League managers:

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal — Terry Neill
Aston Villa — Tony Barton
Birmingham — Ron Saunders
Brighton — Mike Bailey
Cardiff — Dave Sexton
Derby — Howard Kendall
Ipswich — Bobby Ferguson
Liverpool — Bob Paisley
Luton — David Pleat
Man. City — John Bond
Man. United — Ron Atkinson
Norwich — Ken Brown
Nottingham Forest — Brian Clough
Preston — Jimmy Strain
Sheff. Wed. — Lawrie McKernan
Stoke — Richie Barker
Sunderland — Alan Durban
Swindon — John Toshack
Tottenham — Keith Burkinshaw
Wolves — Graham Taylor
West Ham — Ron Wyke
West York — John Lyall

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley — Norman Hunter
Blackburn — Bobby Stobson
Bolton — John McDermott
Burnley — Brian Miller
Cambridge — John Docherty
Cardiff — Bob Stokoe
Charlton — Ken Coates
Chelsea — John Neal
Crystal Palace — Alan Mullery
Derby — John Newman
Fulham — Malcolm MacDonald
Grimsby — Dave Beeth
Leeds — Eddie Gray
Leicester — Veaney
Middlesbrough — Bobby Murdoch
Newcastle — Arthur Cox
Oldham — Joe Royle
Preston — Terry Venables
Sheff. Wed. — Emlyn Hughes
Sheff. Wed. — Jack Charlton
Sheff. Wed. — Graham Turner
Wolves — Graham Hawkins

DIVISION THREE

Barnsley — David Webb
Bradford City — Ray McFarlane
Brentford — Fred Callaghan
Bristol Rovers — Bobby Gould
Cardiff — Len Ashurst
Charlton — Frank Barlow
Chester — Billy Bremner
Exeter — Brian Clough
Gillingham — Keith Pankook
Huddersfield — Mick Buxton
Lincoln — Colin Murphy
Millwall — Peter Anderson
Newport — Colin Addison
Orient — Ken Knighton
Oxford — Jim Smith
Plymouth — Bobby Moncur
Preston — Bobby Campbell
Reading — Gordon Lee
Reading — Maurice Evans
Sheff. United — Ian Porterfield
Sheff. Wed. — Dave Smith
Walsall — Alan Buckley
Wigan — Larry Lloyd
Wrexham — Bobby Roberts

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot — Len Walker
Blackpool — Sam Ellis
Bristol City — Terry Cooper
Bury — Jim Hiley
Chester — Cliff Bear
Colchester — Alan Hunter
Crewe — Aron Griffiths
Darlington — Billy Elliot
Hartlepool — Mickey Sullivan
Hemel Hempstead — Frank Lord
Hull — Colin Appleton
Mansfield — Stuart Broom
Northampton — Clive Walker
Peterborough — Martin Wilkinson
Preston — John McEneaney
Rochdale — Peter Madden
Southampton — John Duggan
Stockport — Jimmy McInnes
Swindon — John Trapp
Telford — Bruce Hogg
Tottenham — Bryan Hamilton
Wimbledon — Dave Bassett
York — Denis Smith

The world's best?

The all-star line-up of the magazine "World Soccer", selected by Eric Batty, is:

SHILTON (Southampton and England)	(AS Roma and Brazil)
TRESOR (Bordeaux and France)	PLATINI (Juventus and France)
PASSARELLA (Fiorentina and Argentina)	ARDILES (Paris St Germain and Argentina)
DUARTE (Alliance and Peru)	SOCCRATES (Corinthians and Brazil)
GRESSE (Bordeaux and France)	RUMENIGGE (Bayern and West Germany)
FALCAO	ROSSI (Juventus and Italy)

SCANDAL!

The Federal police have opened an investigation into a reported multi-million dollar soccer fixing scandal that has rocked Brazil's national sport.

The police in Sao Paulo, Brazil's biggest city, said it was checking reports by the nation's leading sports magazine that a "sports lottery mafia" fixes the results of soccer games and makes millions betting on the outcomes.

The scandal broke with the publication of the latest edition of "Placar".

With a dramatic black cover, the magazine announced an exclusive expose of "corruption in Brazilian soccer". The 15-page lead article listed the names of 125 players, coaches, referees, club owners and even betting parlor operators supposedly involved in the scheme, which the magazine said had international connections.

According to "Placar", the "insiders" included such well-known names as goalie Mazorzi or Rio's Vasco da Gama, defender Marco Antonio de Bangu and a member of Brazil's 1970 World Cup championship team in Mexico, and Amarillo, a former all-star who played for many years in Italy.

The magazine charged the "mafia" routinely fixed games with virtually all the top Brazilian clubs, among them Corinthians, Botafogo,

Fluminense, Santos and Gremio.

None of the accused has admitted to the existence of such a game-fixing ring. And some of those named — including prominent figures in Brazilian high society — said they planned to sue the magazine for defamation.

Vasco de Gama told the Associated Press it stood behind Mazorzi, but had not decided what legal action it would take on his behalf.

Mazorzi himself said in a televised interview here he was "tranquil" about the scandal.

"My performances are the answer to any accusation," the goalie said, referring to Vasco's co-leadership in the current State championship. He added: "I don't even play the sports lottery."

The controversy centres on Brazil's enormously popular sports lottery, which is run by the government's Federal Savings Bank.

Each week, bettors wager from 14 cents to \$4,100 on the outcome of 13 soccer games. The winners divide a tax-free prize that averages around \$1.7 million.

"Placar" recalled that a similar game-fixing scandal in Italy in 1980 touched many top players, including 1982 World Cup hero Paolo Rossi, who was suspended for two years.

Gil Maciera, president of the Federal Savings Bank told the Associated Press that the "case has been handed over to the Police."

DECLINE OF THE DUTCH

By JOHN van den AKKER

During the seventies the national side of a small European country emerged from near total obscurity in the soccer world to twice come within a game of the world championship. The team was regarded as the ultimate exponent of 'total football'. Now this same country finds itself fast slipping back into obscurity.

When Holland qualified for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany it was the first appearance for the Dutch since 1938.

Holland did not enter the competition in 1950 or 1954, and from the '58 finals in Sweden till 1974 failed to qualify.

Yet in 1974 the Dutch put on one of the most outstanding displays of attacking soccer yet seen in the history of the World Cup.

Today all is different. Holland has somewhat prematurely fallen into the same rut which Hungary has long been trying to climb out of — reflecting on past glories in an attempt to forget the present inadequacies. The decline has been relatively recent.

It is an obvious temptation to point at John Cruyff's departure from the national side

as the starting point for the downward slide.

But though the Holland that reached the final of the 1978 World Cup may have appeared a little less fluid without Cruyff, the Dutch were still a major football power.

In its unsuccessful bid to qualify for the 1982 World Cup the Dutch had results which bordered on humiliation.

They lost their first match away to Eire and could only draw the return encounter in Holland. Playing away to Cyprus the Dutch crawled in with a 1-0 victory.

In a friendly during this campaign the Dutch lost 1-2 to Switzerland. Providing competition for England and Scotland in these countries' pre-World Cup matches, the Dutch lost 0-2 and 1-2 respectively.

The problem is, of course, the standard of the new players being introduced into the side.

The Brazilians have succeeded in the re-construction of their national side. Pele, Rivelino, Gerson and Alberto have been replaced with players like Zico, Socrates, Eder and Falcao.

West Germany has likewise replaced such stars as Beckenbauer, Vogts and Gerd Mueller with new ones like Rummenigge, Kaltz and Foerster.

The quality of the new Dutch players has dropped dramatically.

Though some like Tahamata Metgod, Valke and van der Korput show promise, too many others failed to live up to the reputation of Dutch soccer players.

Kist is an inconsistent forward, and a mid-field which once boasted such stars as Neeskens, Rep and Haan now looks very sad indeed. The qualifying rounds for the 1984 European Championships will give an indication of how the once great Holland is progressing with the reconstruction of its national side.

Menotti's dilemma

Argentina's Cesar Menotti, undecided whether to go when his contract expires at the end of the year or stay — if asked.

Replacements being talked about are Carlos Grigoli (FC Oeste) and Carlos Bilardo (Estudiantes de La Plata) who are coaching the two Argentine first division teams showing the best technical preparation at the moment. Both have said they are not interested at the moment, but added that it would be a great honour.

Menotti has said he would continue if the conditions were right... and they may not be. The cost of his high salary and team preparation has in the past been paid for with a two per cent profit of soccer pools handled here by the government which has already told the FA that this would be put to other use in future.

Jim Train looks back over 12 years and three clubs

Doveton's Jim Train doesn't think much of testimonials after playing for 10 years with Victorian club Slavia and getting only \$500 from the proceeds of a testimonial match and a dinner dance.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Jim Train guards the near post

Scores, leaders

OVERSEAS

Results of second round, first leg matches in the major European club competitions.

EUROPEAN CUP — In the quarter-finals, Real Sociedad (Spain) 2, Celtic (Scotland) 0. In the quarter-finals, Dynamo Bucharest (Romania) 0, Aston Villa (England) 2. In the quarter-finals, Standard Liege (Belgium) 1, Juventus (Italy) 1. In the quarter-finals, Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 2, AC Milan (Italy) 1. In the quarter-finals, Liverpool (England) 1, Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1. In the quarter-finals, Ajax (Holland) 1, Bayern Munich (Germany) 1. In the quarter-finals, Inter Milan (Italy) 1, Tottenham Hotspur (England) 1. In the quarter-finals, Manchester United (England) 1, Arsenal (England) 1. In the quarter-finals, Liverpool (England) 1, Tottenham Hotspur (England) 1. In the quarter-finals, Manchester United (England) 1, Arsenal (England) 1.

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That was back in 1979, his last season with Slavia. Since then he has spent a season with Waverley City in Metro Second Division, finding out that life as a player-coach can be hell. He's also proven during his past two seasons with Doveton in State League that he still is one of the finest fullbacks in Victoria.

Train always will wonder whether, given the breaks, he could have made a name for himself as a professional player in his native Scotland. Born in Kilmarnock, he played for the local club's amateur youth team alongside Lou Macari of Glasgow Celtic and presently Manchester United fame.

He joined Kilwinning Rangers and it was there, as an 18-year-old, that he was spotted by a scout working for Motherwell.

"This scout arranged a trial game. I was to play for Motherwell reserves against Airdrie reserves at 11p. Mum, Motherwell," Train remembers.

"It was snowing heavily on the day of the match and the referee decided to call the whole thing off. 'Motherwell said that they'd get back in touch with me but they never did. I lost interest in trying to pursue a professional career. If you don't make it by the time you're 18 then the odds are stacked against you. There are too many outside interests.

"You know, a lot of players who made the grade were rubbish. So many good players never make it. You can find most of them sitting in pubs most of the time. The line between making it and failing is very thin.

"The physical aspect of the game takes priority in Scotland and frankly, I'm critical of Scottish soccer. I went back to Scotland on my honeymoon with my wife, Cathy, about six years ago and went to watch Kilmarnock playing Motherwell. I was mainly kick and rush stuff."

Fed up with life in Scotland and learning that older brother George had been contacted by a representative of Slavia, Train decided to set his sights toward Australia.

A Mr McLaren was the go-between for Slavia in Scotland. He also was sending players to Juventus. George Train had played as a professional with Airdrie and MacLaren was keen to sign George for Slavia. Jim Train and a friend, Sammy Murray, also wanted to go down to Australia. Murray trialed with Queen of the South and ended up signing there. The Train brothers headed for Slavia.

He came here about two months before George. It was in 1970 and the league already had started. I played one game in the reserves and the next week I was in the first team. I've played first team soccer ever since.

"Slavia got relegated in 1970. There was a lot of internal trouble in the club and a few changes were bouncing. I never had a player strike that year but at the last minute we voted to keep playing. Eventually we all got paid."

"Our first game in First Division was a disaster. Dandenong City beat us 7-1. Our regular goalkeeper Mike O'Hara, was in dispute with the club and the second string keeper was hopeless. We had a lot of good players from the previous year but we recovered and did well in the end to finish fourth."

The following year, 1972, Slavia won the First Division championship. It was a great year for Jim Train who had been switched from full back to the right wing, won the club's best and fairest and finished second season as second highest goalscorer.

"That was my best year at Slavia. The atmosphere at the club was great. We had parties on a regular basis."

"I was a Janczyk took over as coach from Taffy Morgan early in the season and the players had great respect for him. We never questioned anything. Other players came and went at Slavia. I just stayed there."

"The banana boat would come over with about 10 new players every season. Once the players made a name for themselves Slavia would sell them. It was the only way the club could survive."

"Once the limit of four temporary visa players became law Slavia went downhill. That was the undoing of the club."

Slavia struck together fairly mediocre seasons in State League from 1973 to 1976. But Slavia had a good season in State League came in 1977. The club finished second in the league to George Cross and also was beaten finalist in the State League Cup. Again George Cross was the victor. However, 1977 was also the year of the famous or infamous player strike at Slavia.

We were due to play George Cross in a crucial league game. The players had a meeting at the Bowling Club in St Kilda. Peter Collins was president of Slavia then. He chaired the meeting. He gave us an ultimatum — either play or face suspension. He said that if anyone didn't want to play with Slavia they should leave the room. Six players left.

"I was one of the young reserve team players. When George Cross and we managed to draw 0-0. The 'rebel' players were watching the game, probably hoping that we would get thrashed. We all got a \$20 bonus for that match and in the end, one by one, the 'rebels' came back, most of them with their tails between their legs."

"The way I saw the whole incident, is that these six players were holding the club to ransom. Look, if you're not happy with what you're getting paid, don't sign a contract. It's as simple as that. You don't sign the contract and then, part of the way through the season, decide that you want more money."

It looked like Slavia had a squad with the quality and depth to challenge for the 1978 State League title. Tommy Randles was coach and Slavia was freely tipped to do well in the Ampol Cup.

"Tommy was unfortunate that the players who went on strike and a few committeemen still held grudges over the 1977 incident. Especially the committeemen, who started to tell Tommy who to play. Tommy dropped me and Frankie Thomson for one of the Ampol Cup games

and the committee tried to get him to change his mind. We didn't win the Ampol Cup and we had just played in the first round of the Dockerty Cup when Tommy called the players together one training night and told us that he didn't think that this coaching position was for him. Mr Oliphant was there too. He said reserve team coach Harry Chalkitsis would take over."

"That was the year that Carl Glider left to join Croatia and John Cain joined Green Gully. Jamie Paton just had come out from Scotland and he finished the season as leading scorer in State League. In 1979 we lost on penalties to Green Gully in the final of the Ampol Cup."

The whole imported player scene had changed by then. In the old days it used to be Scots who would come over. Later that changed and the banana boat started bringing out players from Liverpool. The first shipment included Jim Tansey, David Webb and Steve McCombe."

Slavia just avoided relegation at the end of the 1979 season but Train decided it was time, at long last, for him to make a move to another club.

"I had negotiated a two-year contract in 1977 which stated that if I completed the contract I would be a free player in recognition of my ten seasons with the club. To be honest, I had had a bellyful of Slavia. The club was disesteemed and deteriorating rapidly. I was owed money back in those days which I still haven't got."

"You'd think that after 10 seasons with a club you look back and have happy memories, have a real feeling for the club. Not me. I look back on Slavia now and I can't associate with the club at all. I was promised \$1000 after a testimonial match and a dance but to this day I've only received \$500. I let it lapse."

"I just ask myself what price you can put on loyalty. It's not a question of how much one club to another who make the money."

Train was approached by Waverley City and accepted the position of player-coach. He had friends like Marshall McCallum and Norrie Ford already playing there and he trained with the club every Thursday. The committee asked him to take on the job and he did. Train just had gained his preliminary coaching badge under then state Director of Coaching, Len McKendry.

"It was a real challenge for me. That's why I took the Waverley job but after a year there I wouldn't advise anyone to be a player-coach. It was very frustrating."

"It's not just players you have to educate, it's also fans. The supporters are happy if their goalkeeper picks up the ball and thumps it downfield. If you try to build it up from the back your own supporters start booing. My game was downhill that year. I ended up with eight bookings, two in one game! Most of the bookings were due to me mouthing off in frustration. I was glad to get away just as a player one again. I wanted to go back to State League after a year in the wilderness."

Doveton team manager, Brian Kay, phoned up Train and asked him to come down to the Waratah Reserve club rooms and talk about signing with the newly-promoted State League club. Train decided to join the Doves on a season-to-season basis with a free transfer clause included in his contract.

"Danny McMinimie, was coach, with Ernie Merricks as his assistant in 1981. That's the best coaching combination I've seen. Ernie is great at putting on sessions and Danny is a tremendous motivator. I've seen players discarded by Danny who even to this very day reckon that he's the best coach they've been under. That's because he's a straight man, a real players' coach."

"Doveton finished third in State League last year with a poor team. We had players who weren't really State League material but we fought well."

McMinimie left and joined Melbourne this year, taking that Hungarian sponsored club to the Metro Second Division championship.

"I think Danny did the right thing by leaving Doveton. He wouldn't really improve on the third place finish in the league. Let's face it, the club hasn't got lots of money. Danny made a big name for himself at Doveton. Why risk it?"

"Tony Harris took over as coach. Training under Tony was all about blood, sweat and tears. There was a lot of long distance running. After the Ampol Cup, Tony phoned up our secretary, Jim Maclean, and said that he couldn't do the job any longer for business reasons. Ernie Merrick had just come back from overseas and the club asked him to take on the job. Ernie accepted."

"Even though being a player-coach was against Ernie's beliefs I think that he felt he had to help out the club. I think Ernie learned the hard way this season."

Doveton struggled almost from the outset of the league season. Its fate wasn't decided until the very last match, against Frankston. The Doves won 3-0 that day. Other results went Doveton's way and the Waratah Reserve club finished third in the league. Only a few weeks earlier it was starting relegation squarely in the face.

"I was surprised at the way we struggled this year. I wouldn't have signed again had I had the chance that we would struggle. We were all over teams early on but couldn't score. We'd give away a silly goal and lose. We felt okay, so we lost that one but we'll win next week. It didn't happen that way. Before we knew it we were fighting to avoid the drop."

"When we brought John Dowle and Ian Stirling out from Scotland it made a world of difference to us. The side clicked."

"Dowie is the best player I've played with in Australia. His passing is immaculate and his attitude extremely professional. You see lots of players who came out here and act as though they think they're too good for this standard. Not John Dowle. He came out here and acted as though he was just another sort of class player he is."

It's players like Dowie, Stirling and Stan Webster who will be principle targets for PSV and rival State League clubs next year. Train reserves his predictions about Doveton's fate in 1983. The club's success could be decided before a ball is kicked in anger next year.

"If Doveton can keep this present squad together and sign about four new players the club can be a force in 1983."

"I'd like to continue in State League. I believe that every player should try to play at the highest level possible."

"I'd just like to say something about two of my teammates, Mike McEvoy and Ian Stirling. If these two stay at Doveton and realise their potential then we will have a superb side."

"I don't know whether I'll stay or go. But whatever happens there always will be a place in my heart for Doveton."

Asked to name his best line-up among the many players he has played alongside in his 13 seasons in Victorian soccer, Train came up with this side:

Bill Whiteside — Jim Train, Steve McCombe, John Yendorn, Jim Tansey — John Dowle, Billy Brindle, Tony Harris — Stan Webster, Jamie Paton, Jim Williams.

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Thirteen proved to be lucky for Doncaster Rovers when both under-13 teams won the only two league championships achieved by the club this season.

Under the guidance of coach Sam Christou and with the assistance of team manager Lou Hickey, the under-13a side continued the success of previous years by winning their league in impressive style. Sixteen matches produced thirteen wins, two draws and one

loss with the attack scoring 63 goals. Leading goalscorers were Stan Thodis (19), Steven Brimmer (12), Ian Durrant (9) and Mark Arretis (9).

The Under-13a team pictured above is, from left: Pascal Hickey, Robert Arambasic, Paul Martinucci, Steven Christou, Stan Thodis, Mark Arretis. Front: L to R: Neil Fletcher, Tony Vujic, Geoff Cates, Steven Brimmer, Ian Durrant, Kent Young.



Brighton under 16s believe they may hold two Victorian records. They have not lost one of their past 33 league games and one of their players hasn't missed a league or cup game since May 1976, when he was in the under 11s. Brighton won the South-East A under 16 league, the Mordialloc Summer Cup and scored 51 goals to 13 in the league, but lost 0-1 to Footscray JUST in the Champion of Champions play-off.

The Brighton players, pictured above are, from left, standing: Oscar Gonzo (coach), Vasilis Limberis, Billy Vasilakis, Alan Kane (winner of club most improved award), Wayne Boyle, Peter Antoniadis (best and fairest), Andy Dominko, Bill Dominko (manager). Front: Danny Sarra, Mike Kovas, Joe D'Amico, Bill Henderson, Jimmy Josmas. Missing: Paul Cullen, Tony Jones, Harry Stamatopoulos (coach's award).



A carnival organised by the Lions Club of Mooroolbark was won by St Albans Dinamo. Twenty Victorian teams which all finished 1st or 2nd in their leagues were there.

In the grand-final Dinamo met South Melbourne Hellas. The game was close with a score of 2-2. St Albans goal scorers being J. Kasalo and A. Price. Then the two teams played 5 minutes a half extra time with the score being 3-3. St Albans goal scorer being V. Karacic.

The two teams now had to shoot penalties

and St Albans Dinamo beat Hellas by a goal. The team won the William Bowles Memorial shield and each player received a small trophy.

Team members are: 1. J. Rados, 2. A. Beronic, 3. T. Ivankovic, 4. Z. Ulakovic, 5. I. Duzel, 6. P. Pondejak, 7. V. Karacic, 8. R. Colina, 9. A. Price, 10. B. Boban, 11. P. Cvitkovic, 12. J. Kasalo, 13. A. Krndija, 14. E. Hrbolic.

The picture shows the team lined up after its victory.

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ΘΑ ΤΑ ΞΑΝΑΠΟΥΣΕ ΤΟΝ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

Ήφασσε λοιπόν για μία φορά ακόμα στο τέλος την σαιζόν. Για την στήλη τελείωσαν οι υποχρεώσεις και θα τ' ξαναπούμε τον Γενάρη από την ίδια σελίδα. Στην φετινή περίοδο προσπαθήσαμε παρά το ότι ο χρόνος είναι περιορισμένος, να έχουμε πάντα μαζί με τα νέα των ομάδων μας και φωτογραφίες. Όσες λάβαμε τις δημοσιεύσαμε και γενικά ο στόχος μας ήταν να βρισκόμαστε κοντά στα μικρά μας σωματεία, οι άνθρωποι των οποίων κουράζονται και ξεθεύονται για να τα δούμε μία μέρα σε ανώτερη κατηγορία.

Δεν παίζει ρόλο αν οι πεισσότερες ομάδες δεν μπόρεσαν στην σαιζόν που μας πέρασε να κερδίσουν μία κατηγορία πιά φηλά. Είναι αδύνατον να μπορέσουν όλες να πάρουν πρωταθλήματα ή τις δεύτερες προνομίες θέσεις.

Υπάρχουν κι άλλες χρονιές και οι υπεύθυνοι κάνοντας μία αναδιοργάνωση στον κάθε σύλλογο που άνηκουν και διορθώνοντας τα λάθη που τυχόν έγιναν, να κυττάζουν μπροστά και θετικά για την πρόοδο της ομάδας τους.

Δεν περνάει απαρατήρητη φέτος η επίτευξη μερικών ομάδων μας οι οποίες κατόρθωσαν να κερδίσουν άξια και με τό σπαθί τους τον προβιβατισμό τους στις μεγαλύτερες κατηγορίες.

Αξίζει λοιπόν να τις αναφέρουμε και είναι η ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ ή όποια σχεδόν από την άρχη του Β' Γύρου του πρωταθλήματος της Β' κατηγορίας του Προβιζιοναλ Λήγκ είχε καταφέρει να εξασφαλίσει τον τίτλο της πρωταθλήτριας.

Μάλιστα σε ένα διάστημα είχε ξεφύγει 10 βαθμούς μπροστά από το δεύτερο Μπουλίν αλλά στην συνέχεια τραυματισμοί και άπου στες παικτών της την έφεραν να κερδίσει άξια το πρωτάθλημα με 3 βαθμούς διαφορά από το Μπουλίν το οποίο ανέβηκε κι αυτό την κατηγορία και από την νέα σαιζόν θα αγωνίζονται στην Α' του Προβιζιοναλ όπου όπως φαίνεται πάλι θα διεκδικήσουν τον τίτλο μαζί με το ισχυρό Λαίηλορ και με τις δυναμικές 'Ηστ Μπράνσγουϊκ και Κλάβιτον.

Η κυανόλευκος του Γιάρραβιλ θα έχει και πάλι στίες τάξεις της όλα της τα βασικά

της στελέχη και τον ίδιο τεχνικό Μάνο Μήλιο.

Μία ακόμη ομάδα μας που κέρδισε με το καταληκτικό της φίνις τον τίτλο του πρωταθλήματος ήταν και το ΚΩΛΦΗΑΝΤ ΣΙΤΥ το οποίο από την νέα σαιζόν θα παίζει στην Γ' κατηγορία του Μετροπόλιταν Λήγκ.

Η ομάδα του Πάκη Σβίγγου που βρήκε τον καλό εαυτό της στον Β' Γύρο, σάρωσε όλους τους αντιπάλους της και έκλεψε τον τίτλο από το Ώλη στην πρωτεύουσα άγωνι στική ημέρα.

Ας σημειωθεί ότι το Ώλη ήταν στην κορυφή του βαθμολογικού πίνακα από την 1η αγωνιστική.

Ίσως οι άνθρωποι του Ώλη να μη τό ξεχάσουν ποτέ αυτό και να τό θυμούνται σαν μία κακιά ανάμνηση.

Παρηγορήθηκαν όμως γιατί τελείωσαν στην 2η προνομία θέση που τους εξασφάλισε την άνοδο τους στην Γ' κατηγορία του Μετροπόλιταν.

Στο ΚΩΛΦΗΑΝΤ για μία ακόμη φορά προπονητής θα είναι ο Τάκης Σβίγγος.

Δεν γνωρίζουμε τί ακριβώς μετακινήσεις παικτών θα γίνουν στην ελληνική μας ομάδα αλλά πιστεύεται ότι και στην νέα σαιζόν θα είναι από τις πρωταγωνίστριες του πρωταθλήματος το οποίο δεν είναι καθόλου εύκολο.

Τό λέμε δέ αυτό γιατί εκτός από τις δυναμικές ξένες ομάδες που ήδη υπάρχουν άς μη ξεχνάμε ότι στην κατηγορία αυτή θα είναι... 4 ελληνικές ομάδες που διωσθήποτε στή μεταξή τους παίζουν άς παρυσία - σουν ξέχωρο πείσμα και φανατισμό.

"FROM THE PENALTY SPOT"

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

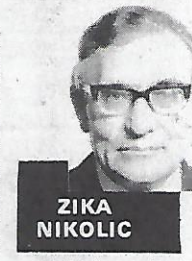
DOVIJENJA

Ostavljeni su sobom jos jednu godinu sa neuspjehom u nastupu. Suci su na novim problemima brojeva zabavljiva stara. Kao i obično South Melbourne/Hellas je prvi pocios sa pripremanja za novu sezonu, dok su ostali rasli da iskoriste odmor od malikuma.

Sitaci JUST-a je razlicit. Kakav ce toli pravac PLAVI imati u idućoj sezoni zavisi od Godanje skupitina, koja se odrzava u nedjelju 31. oktobra u Footscray Technical Institutu. Dve kandidata izabiru mandat za godinu dana, sto je nedovoljno za uspešan rad. Stara uprava, koja vidi bez mendisa (zbog promene izabranog predsjednika), istupa sa nekim promenama, od kojih je jedna kontroverzija, a odnosi se na dozvolitve članova.

Svi su izgledi da ce doći do promene na vrhu. Članovi nisu zadovoljni sa planomom u Philips ligi, iako su oholnosti bili izvan moci uprave. Medjutim, planke trenera je nepredvidljiva, sto je imalo direktne posledice na igru i rezultate prvog tima. Mozda ce se ovog puta saznati malo vise kako su vodjeni pregovori sa Bobakom i Djalmon i zasto nisu doli na celo JUST-a?

Novi upravni nede biti lako, jer ce se suociti sa istim problemima, kao



ZIKA NIKOLIC

more hrabro da rezava ako zeli da zadrzi poverenje članova preko cele godine.

Preventivno imaju trener i igrači, a zetim igralista. Zbog naraslih dugova JUST mora biti skroman na pocetku sezone. Medjutim, skromnost ne sme ici na racun kvaliteta. Porod Godanje skupitine, plavi tabor odrzava PRESENTATION NIGHT u subotu 30. oktobra u Dandenong Town Hall-u od 7. 30 uvece. Svi igrači Philips lige dobiću trofeje, a posle toga nastaje zabava, koja ce trajati do ponoći. PRESENTATION NIGHT odrzavaju i juniori JUST-a u subotu 13. novembra u prostorijama Paisley High School, Blenheim Road, Newport. Svi juniori dobiću trofeje, a igrači ispod 14 godina (sa osvojenom drugom mestom) i ispod 16 godina (sa prvo mestom) spomen zastavice. Sa ovom zabavom se na završava sezona za PLAVE juniore, jer u nedjelju 21. novembra gostuju u Adeldi svi timovi od 10 do 15 godina. Izabren je novi juniorski odbor, koji ce se potruditi da obebedi trenera igralista na vreme, ali zato treba dosta truda i novaca.

DOCKERTY KUP

U finalu Dockerty Kupa sastaju se dve najbolje klube u Dravnoj ligi, sto su namjerno Ajax i Croatia. Steta sto se za ovaj trofej na bori i članovi Philips lige, jer bi materijalni uspeh bio daleko veci.

TURNIRI U PRIJATELJSKE UTAKMICE

Do pocetka nove sezone odrzace se niz prijateljskih utakmica i Jugo turniri.

U nedjelju 7. novembra sastaju se navijaci Hajduka i Partizana na Elwood Parku u 2 po podna. Polkovitci ove utakmice je Sveta Hladanov, koji navija za Partizan, a za obaj dan priprema hranu za oba tima. Za roštiljanje ce biti odgovoran radnik Andrija Plak, vatreni navijac Hajduka, koji je bio predsjednik navijača ovog dopunskog kluba u Volvodini. Za Hajduk ce nastupiti braca Kazi, braca Pavlina, Frank Mica i drugi dopunski igrači. Završio Ranko Buljivic (iako mu dozvoli Rasik) i jos neki poznati igrači. Steta sto nede igrači Marko Fode, jer se na vrasci E. Europe da nova godina. Za nastav crno - belih odgovoran je Spasica Mitrovic.

Tradicionalni susret navijača Zvezde i Partizana odrzace se krajem ove godine.

Jugo turnir "Boravac/Jedinstvo" odrzace se krajem novembra u Keyabourghu. I ovog puta igraće se za pehar JAT-a.

Prijateljski susret izmedju VETERANA i TARAKANA završao se nerazeno 6:5, iako je Taraka vodilo sa 4:1. Veterani su igrali bez Radevice i gotmana, ali ih je pomogao Steve Rok Zakomark, iako je nedavno proslavio 60. rođendan.

MALI FUDBAL

U ponedjeljak 1. novembra igra se poslednje kolo prvog klupskog prvenstva u dvorani. Dve utakmice igrace prve dve mesta u "A" grupi Night Stalkers v. Zagreb i Grad-janski v. Veterani.

Poziv je na posjednji broj "Soccer Actions" u ovoj godini. Srećni priliku da svim citacima Jugoslovenske scene pozdravi srećne prianke i Novu godinu.

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St. Albans High School players, from left: Zdravko Avzin, Tom Korlevski and Mladen Pufek, take in the sights of Sydney during their recent visit there to

play against Maradan High School in an interstate championship match.

St. Albans had won the Victorian All-High championship and Marsden the equivalent NSW title.



Sunshine City under-13s, JLMC Cup winner, league runner-up. Back row: J. Krizmanic (team manager); T. Krizmanic, B. Krylakis, G. Kodric, J. Markovski (coach), S. Beech, M. Wood, V. Lee, S. Markovski. Front row: Z. Vasiloski, Z. Gjorikaski, J. Markovski.

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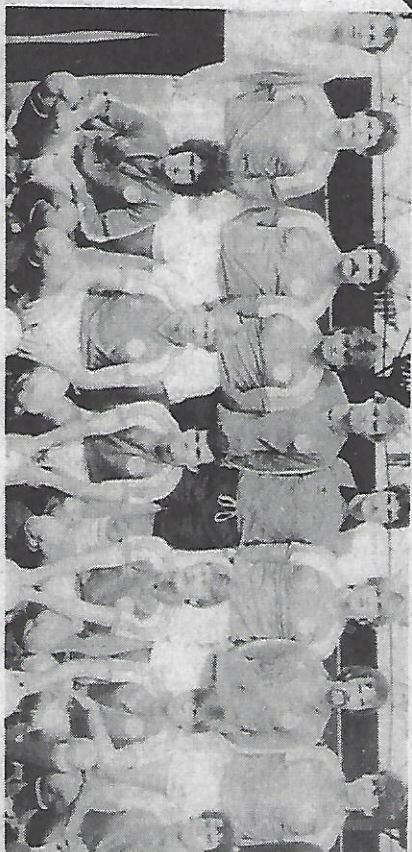


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